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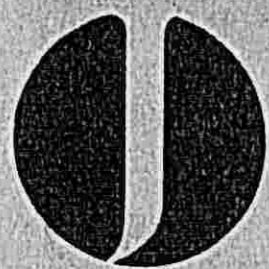
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High school basketball preview

Can't get enough basketball action? Check out Alley oop! for a guide to the key players and top local teams in high school basketball this season, along with the Lake County Journals All-Area Team.

SEE INSERT

Alley oop!



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GET OUT AND GO

Seven things to do in and around Lake County:

Christmas time is here Friday and Saturday

"A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the Cultural Center in Round Lake Beach. Info: 847-201-9032

All aboard!

Friday through Sunday
Come ride the Holly Trolley in downtown Zion to see the holiday lights. Info: 847-746-4056

Get in the spirit

Friday through Sunday
Come see College of Lake County's Prairie Spirit Dance Troupe at CLC in Grayslake. Info: 847-543-2077

Santa comes to town Friday

Santa and Mrs. Claus stop by Santa's Cottage in Mundelein to say hello. Info: 847-970-9235

New type of reindeer Saturday

The fifth annual Reindog Parade will be at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. Info: 847-835-5440

Shopping season Saturday

A Holiday Expo will be at University Center of Lake County in Grayslake. Info: 847-249-3800

Dickens of a Holiday Saturday through Dec. 15

Enjoy holiday activities and events at Cook Park in Libertyville during Dickens of a Holiday. Info: 847-680-0336

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SPIRIT OF THE SEASON



Matt Clancy, 14, helps a client put Holiday Meal Box in the client's car at the Open Arms Mission Food Pantry in Antioch Nov. 20. To read more about the food pantry, see PAGE 3A.

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>> Lindenhurst

Staying safe on the road

Few incidents reported during holiday weekend

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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LINDENHURST - As people headed over the river and through the woods last week to grandma's house for Thanksgiving dinner, most of them had a relatively incident-free holiday weekend.

"We had a few accidents Wednesday, [Nov. 21,] because of the weather - a few fender benders - but it was a pretty ordinary weekend," said Cmdr. George Moravec, of the Lindenhurst Police Department.

Sgt. Christopher Thompson of the Lake County Sheriff's Department reported a low-key holiday weekend as well.

"I did not receive any unusual occurrence reports for the weekend, which is unusual," he said.

Lake Villa had similar reports, even with their annual Christmas Parade Nov. 24.

"We had the usual," said Roger Schroeder, Lake Villa Police deputy chief. "We had one verbal domestic call, some alarm calls, no accidents."

According to Underwriters Laboratories Web site, deep-fried turkeys, which have grown in popularity, have also become a source of house fires.

"While some people rave about this tasty creation, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.'s (UL) safety experts are concerned that backyard chefs might be sacrificing safety for good taste," according to the Web site.

Lt. Chris Lienhardt, with the Antioch Fire Protection District, said there were no reports of turkey-related fires.

SPORTS



>> PrepSports

Hit me with your best shot

See which Lake County football teams had the biggest effect on this season and why they are so unforgettable. PAGE 7B

First-class athletes

Football season might be over, but see which players left this season on a high note. PAGES 7-8B

>> Can'tMiss

Wrestling

Wauconda at Grant 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

Girls basketball

Antioch at Round Lake 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

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LAKELIFE

>> OnTheCover

Not sure what to get the fussy ones on your holiday shopping list? The Lake County Journals has found some musical gifts that are sure to have even the fussiest of people singing this season. PAGE 1B

>> EveryMom

Thanksgiving has gone and columnist Jami Kunzer reflects on what she has to be thankful for - including being pregnant with her second set of twins. PAGE 6B

WEB POLL

This week's question

- What is your favorite winter sport?
- A) Basketball
 - B) Hockey
 - C) College football bowl games
 - D) NFL homestretch
 - E) Watching opposing teams try to catch Devin Hester

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Last week's question

- What is your favorite post-Thanksgiving meal activity?
- Watching football (43 percent)
 - Watching movies (29 percent)
 - Going shopping the next day (14 percent)
 - Other (14 percent)

IN MOTION

A local charity organization hand out Thanksgiving meals, a Fox Lake soldier comes home for the holiday and local villages plug in their Christmas trees. Check out these events in our Week in Photos section at LakeCountyJournals.com by clicking on the Multimedia link.



WEEKEND OUTLOOK

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

HIGH: 35
LOW: 22

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

HIGH: 32
LOW: 30
Ice pellets

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

HIGH: 38
LOW: 24

Source: CBS2 Chicago

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>> QuoteOfTheWeek

"These families aren't asking for PS2's or snowboards, we're talking about socks, underwear, coats, shoes ..."
—The Rev. Scott Keenan, Open Arms Mission Food Pantry's executive director, about the families that ask for help during the holidays. (see story on 3A)

>> Editor'sChoice

The Journals offer you a guide to local basketball

It's that time of year, sports fans. The first frost has hardened the ground, the temperature is consistently below freezing, and high school athletes who participate in fall sports have hung up their cleats, their volleyball jerseys, and their running shoes.

Basketball season is under way. I grew up loving basketball more than all other sports.

I was close enough to Chicago to get every Bulls game on TV and lucky enough to watch Michael Jordan in his prime.

And I lived in Northwest Indiana, where playing basketball is as commonplace as steel mills and smoke-



Matt Pera

stacks.

I'm always excited for my favorite teams to get started, and I know there are a lot of die-hard fans in Lake County who feel the same way.

That's why this week we are offering a comprehensive guide to area boys and girls high school bas-

ketball teams.

Nine high schools are featured in the section, which our staff worked very hard to put together. From sports editor Dan Patrick to photographer Annie Christie to reporter Steve Peterson to our outstanding copy editors Jessica Jacobsen and Dani Schwelgert, everyone chipped in to make this section a success.

Some of the highlights include the Warren girls team, which features 6-foot-5 phenom Sarah Boothe, who has committed to play for Stanford University next season.

On the boys side, Grant is off to a hot start behind the stellar play of senior guard Mike Shields.

I could go on and on listing great teams, players and storylines. Check out the special section to get prepped for the season, then keep checking back with our sports section and our Web site, LakeCountyJournals.com to keep up with all the prep basketball action.

Know of a team or player you'd like to see featured? Let our sports editor know at dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journals, in print and online.

• Matt Pera is the news editor for the Lake County Journals.

Part of the community



One-year-old Isaiah Jarvis, of Hainesville, rings up his customer, 4-year-old Tyler Czelek, of Round Lake, at the Round Lake Children's Neighborhood Museum. The Children's Museum is a replica of a town for children to learn and play various roles in the community.

>> CorrectionsAnd Clarifications

Accuracy is important to us at the Lake County Journals and we strive to correct mistakes promptly. If you believe a factual error has been published, please bring it to our attention.

Call Matt Pera at 847-223-8161 ext. 128 or e-mail him at mpera@nwnewsgroup.com.

>> InBrief

PTO pancakes

Hillcrest PTO will host its seventh annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Hillcrest School, 433 W. Depot St. in Antioch.

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and juice with prices \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, and photos with Santa will be available for \$2.

The PTO also will offer a Holiday Shop.

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Molly McGilluray of Gurnee

I was born in:
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My family:
Sister, Rachael; mom, Janet; and dad, Mark

Student at:
Carmel Catholic High School
Class of 2009

My pets:
Dog, Maggie; and cats, Max and Sassy

I drive a:
Lexus

**If I had more free time
during the week, I'd:**
Be on the swim team

**What was the last good movie
you saw?**
"The Invisible"

Favorite sports team:
Seattle Mariners

**The last compact disc I bought
or downloaded:**
The "Hairspray" soundtrack

Favorite home-cooked meal:
Pot roast

My dream job would be:
Pediatrician

My life's motto is:
Never, never, never, never give up

**The musical instrument(s)
I play is (are):**
The flute

The last book I read:
"Beowulf"

• If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call the Lake County Journals at 847-223-8161, or e-mail antioch@weeklyjournals.com or lakevilla@weeklyjournals.com.

>>Antioch

Charity feels the pinch



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Hundreds of families line up at the Open Arms Mission Food Pantry in Antioch Nov. 20 for a Holiday Meal Box. The Holiday Meal Box provides enough food to feed a family of eight.

Open Arms Mission Food Pantry seeks donations

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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Can you help?

To make a donation to the Open Arms Mission, send a check to Open Arms Mission, PO Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002. Open Arms Mission is at 1548 S. Main St. in Antioch. For more information, contact the Food Pantry at 847-395-0309.

"It's just the state of the economy," he said. "When things are going good, it benefits those on top first, and then it takes its time to trickle down."

When things are bad, he said the opposite is true. The have-nots are first to feel the pain.

Keenan said the times of low home-interest rates allowed people to buy homes with very little, or even no money down. This put people in a position where they are finding themselves overextended.

Add ever-increasing gas prices and the rising cost of food, and you see a lot of people in a position where they are just scraping by, Keenan said.

And those who used to help with

donations are not doing well either.

"Costs are increasing across the board," Keenan said.

In the past, Keenan said there were more families interested in adopting families in need than there were actual families in need. This year, the food bank still has 105 families that need adopting, and another 24 families on a waiting list.

"These families aren't asking for PS2's or snowboards, we're talking about socks, underwear, coats, shoes ..." he said.

Before Thanksgiving, the food bank distributed 450 food boxes filled with nutritious items and all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Keenan said a donation of \$25 provides 80 pounds of food, including a 10- to 12-pound turkey, stuffing, vegetables, salad, salad dressing, fruit, dessert, butter, eggs and milk, bread plus an additional 20 items.

"Any donation is greatly appreciated," Keenan said. "One hundred percent of the money goes to our cause, and I'm proud to be able to say that."

>>OurTown



Helen
Mansfield

Pennies to aid Pearl Harbor

Collection boxes are popping up all around Gurnee, trying to lure shoppers out of their pennies - for a good cause, of course.

Gurnee Village Board President Kristina Kovarik, the Warren Township High School Social Studies Department, and Senior Student Council hope to raise \$5,000 as part of "Pennies for Pearl Harbor."

The groups have joined together to save the Pearl Harbor Museum. The museum, the gateway to the USS Arizona Memorial, is structurally unsound and faces condemnation if efforts aren't funded soon to build a new improved museum.

Gurnee resident Chief Nathaniel Hamilton is partnering with Warren Township High School to bring history to life. Chief Hamilton's extensive collection of memorabilia from the bombing of Pearl Harbor and its aftermath will be displayed to the public from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Gallery of the Almond Campus, at 34090 Almond Road.

For more information, call the Almond Campus at 847-662-1400.

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with masses at 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the church, 2101 E. Route 173, in Antioch.

Weekend mass times are at 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 7, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Weekday Masses will be at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Saturdays.

For information about the parish, or to register, call the church office at 847-395-FISH (3474), and ask for the Rev. John A. Jamnicky.

• If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail reporter Helen Mansfield at hlmansfield@nwnewsgroup.com.

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Lake Villa Township Supervisor Dan Venturi puts the final touches on the entry to Lake Villa's second annual Christmas Parade. Township employees threw candy and glow bracelets from their float, a train caboose.

>> LakeVilla

Parading through town

Couple organizes Lake Villa's Christmas Parade

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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LAKE VILLA - If Betty Burns had her way, she says she and her husband, Bill, would plan a parade in Lake Villa once a month.

"But the mayor [Village Board President Frank Loffredo] would put his foot down," Burns said with a laugh.

Despite temperatures in the low 30s on Nov. 24, crowds of residents lined the parade route in Lake Villa, as part of the village's second annual Christmas Parade.

"I was very pleased with the turn out," said Burns, parade organizer and community volunteer.

The parade began at Palombi School, following the usual parade route through a local subdivision, onto Grand Avenue, then down Cedar Avenue to Lehmann Park.

Once there, the annual tree lighting took place. Santa Claus also made an appearance at a party in the train station across from the park.

Burns said village staff took Santa's sleigh off of a flat-bed trailer, and put it down in the Lehmann parking lot.

State Rep. JoAnn Osmond, R-Antioch, volunteered her digital camera and a photo printer, so the youngsters could get free photos taken with Santa.

"It worked beautifully," Burns said of the electronic gadgets. "That's probably going to be a new tradition."

She said the parade, in its second year, had roughly 25 participants. She is hoping that figure will continue to grow.

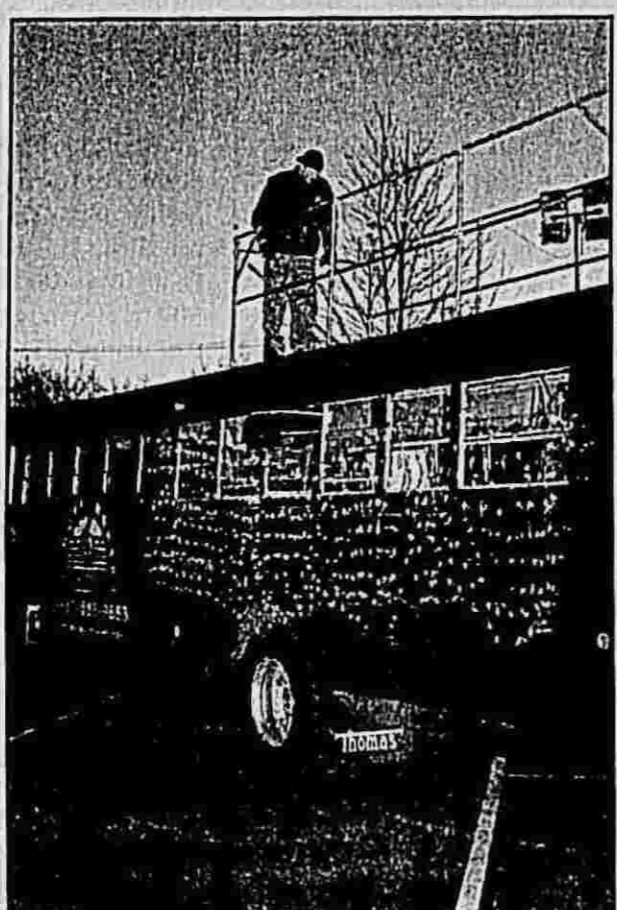
Betty and Bill Burns, who are retired, moved to Lake Villa 12 years ago, and have been "the parade people" since they helped with the village's Centennial Parade in 2001.

"We lived in Lindenhurst before that, and I used to do their parades, and then I started doing them here," she said.

She said she plans all the village's parades, except for the Memorial Day Parade, which is handled by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

But, the Burnses are going to have a slight conflict next year.

The parade is scheduled for Nov. 29, 2008, which just happens to be the couple's 50th



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Employees of Memory Maker DJ Service in Grayslake prepare the company's parade bus for Lake Villa's second annual Christmas Parade. The parade was on Nov. 24 and began at Palombi Middle School and finished at Lehmann Park for a tree lighting ceremony.

"I was very pleased with the turn out."

Betty Burns

Parade organizer and community volunteer

wedding anniversary.

The village's next parade will be its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be March 15. Burns said Lake Villa's is the only St. Pat's parade in Lake County that she knows of, "so it's a really big one."

"And we get all sorts of weather that time of year," Burns said.

>> Gurnee

Midnight at the mall

Gurnee Mills hosts Black Friday event

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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GURNEE - The day after Thanksgiving might be known as "Black Friday," but shoppers' spirits seemed to be anything but dark as they crowded the halls of Gurnee Mills in Gurnee when the mall opened its doors at midnight on Nov. 23.

One of those shoppers was Brandon Watters, of Round Lake Beach. Watters sat, bundled in a jacket, sleeping bag, and blankets in a lawn chair outside of Circuit City as he waited for the store to open. He got in line at 5:30 p.m. with his friend Jonathan Chase, of Wildwood, to buy an LCD HDTV that Circuit City had on sale.

"You can't buy it online," Watters said of why they were waiting in the cold.

But they came prepared to battle the weather.

"We brought energy drinks," Chase said with a laugh.

Circuit City wasn't the only store with a line. Game Stop also had a crowd at its doors. Jeremy Cleveland, of Lake Villa, waited outside

Want to go shopping?

What: Gurnee Mills
Where: 6170 W. Grand Ave. in Gurnee
When: Regular mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.
Contact info: Call 847-263-7500 for holiday hours, or go to www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=1251.

Game Stop for a Nintendo Wii with Robert Shaw, also of Lake Villa.

"You can't get them anywhere," Cleveland said.

Cleveland and Shaw stood for a couple of hours before reaching the front of the line, but, Cleveland said, he didn't mind waiting in the early-morning hours.

"I would have been up anyway," he said.

Seeing customers happy is why Gurnee Mills wanted to host the event, said Allison Patz, director of mall marketing.

"We wanted to give shoppers an opportunity to extend their shopping hours and reward customers and retailers," she said. "It helps boost the local economy, and it gives customers a [chance] to save

money."

Patz said the mall gave away a \$1,000 Visa gift card every hour until 5 a.m. and that this was the first year Gurnee Mills opened its doors at midnight on Black Friday.

Katie McKay, district manager for Ultra Diamonds and Gold Outlet, was thrilled the mall got involved.

"It's an exciting opportunity to start the holiday season," she said. "People are awake and excited [at these hours]. How often do you see that?"

Preparing for the event was a fun process, McKay said.

"I've been looking forward to this for two months," she said with a smile. "We planned what food we were going to bring, and I brought extra clothes and shoes."

Patz knows all about the planning that went into Gurnee Mills' Black Friday event.

She said the mall has been working since January 2006 to get everything ready and to get as many stores to open early as possible. But, she said, seeing the many people who filled the aisles was worth the effort.

"The best part," she said, "is being able to offer sales you can't find anywhere else."

>> Antioch

Being pushed to the limit

Antioch Fire District asks residents for their help

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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ANTIOCH - The signs posted outside of stations two and three of the Antioch Fire Protection District are pretty telling. They simply read "Limited services, no personnel on duty, emergencies dial 911."

On Feb. 5 of 2008, the Antioch Fire Protection District will ask residents in the unincorporated portion of the Fire Protection District to pass a referendum request of 40 cents, to allow the district to man all three stations around-the-clock, 365 days a year.

"Voters in Antioch [the village] won't even see this on the ballot," said Lt. Chris Lienhardt of the Antioch Fire Protection District.

He said voters in Antioch Township narrowly defeated a similar proposal back in April, which would have increased the tax rate on \$100,000 equalized assessed value from nearly 20 cents to 30.

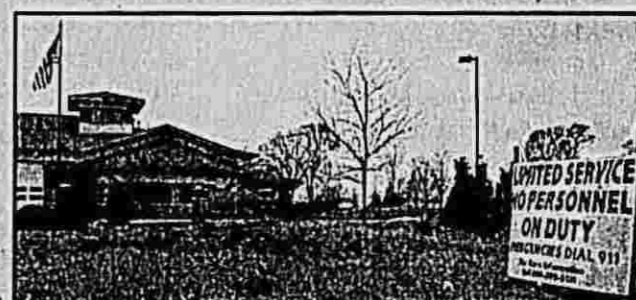
"It failed by 200 votes," he said.

Lienhardt said the district is operating with an annual budget of \$659,000, which might sound like a lot, but cost can be generally high. A new fire engine costs about \$350,000, he said.

He said the fleet consists of a 1972 engine, which needs to be retired.

As Antioch and its surrounding area increases in population, so does its need. Lienhardt said need is simply exceeding supply.

The Antioch Fire Protection District responds to roughly 1,000 calls a year and, Lienhardt said, firefighters will continue to deliver quality service.



Annie Christie - achr Christie@nwnewsgroup.com

A sign that reads "limited service no personnel on duty" is posted at Antioch's First Fire District Station No. 3 on Grass Lake Road.

The Antioch Fire Protection District consists of about 90 volunteers.

"We're our own worst enemy," he said. "We're lucky to have a dedicated group, who leave on a call, miss Christmases and birthdays, answering the call when pagers go off."

If passed, the referendum would increase the budget to roughly \$1.4 million, which would put four firefighters on each shift at all four stations.

Lienhardt said this would allow for a "two-on, two-off" situation, where two firefighters would enter a building, while two work outside.

Lienhardt said the district officials take spending taxpayers' money seriously, and they apply for grant money whenever it's appropriate. He said the district received one grant to replace the vehicle exhaust systems on the engines, and for new air packs for the firefighters. Both items should cut down on the number of firefighters who develop work-related cancers.

In the days before the Feb. 5 election, Lienhardt said, firefighters and volunteers will probably go door-to-door to get the word out. Another idea is to host an open house at the station so taxpayers can get a better idea of what the district is working with.

>> Antioch

Foundation features local artist

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH - The Antioch Fine Arts Foundation will feature the work of Antioch resident Dennis M. Downes throughout the month of December.

A special artist's reception will be from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Gallery, at 983 Main St. in Antioch.

According to a press release from the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, Downes' career spans more than 30 years, and his shows attract hundreds of art aficionados and serious collectors from all around the country.

Downes is considered an important patron of the arts by members of the Fine Arts Council. His work will feature some of the artist's most widely recognized prints, small bronzes, original landscape paintings, as well as paintings reflecting the symbolism of the Native Americans of the Great Lakes Region, and handmade high relief paper pieces.

Downes even donated a bronze sculpture to the foundation for raffle at the end of December's show.

Downes' research throughout the United States and the United Kingdom has made him a leading authority on the Trail Marker Tree, a life project dedicated to keeping alive important North American history.

"Support Your Local Artist," a compact disc by Downes, explains the history of Trail Marker Trees, and is available to buy for interested parties.

He also was one of 175 award-winning artists chosen to compete in the Festival of the Masters, which took place in July at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet.

His work also may be previewed at a solo show from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Frames First Inc., at 432 E. Grand Ave. (one block west of Navy Pier) in Chicago. For more information on Downes, visit his Web site: www.downesstudio.net.

For more information on the artist's reception, call 847-838-2274 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, or visit the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation's Web site at www.antiochfinearts.org.

>> Births

Monika and Simona Valiokas, twins, were born Oct. 1 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Zivile and Vytautas Valiokas of Antioch. Their brother is Marius, age 16.

Isabella Grace Alshouse, a daughter, was born Sept. 22 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Dale and Terra Alshouse of Lindenhurst. Her sisters are Abigail, 4 and Emily, 1.

Grandparents are Charles and Sharen Alshouse of Gurnee and Theresa Gonder of Wildwood. Great-grandparents are Janice Basten of Wildwood and Anna Alshouse of Antioch.

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 • **Wood Carving Club meeting.** 2-5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

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• **Breakfast with Santa.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9. Millburn Masonic Lodge, Rt. 45 near Grass Lake Road. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and free for children 5 and under. For more information, call Joe Santisteban at 847-372-6679 or visit www.millburnlodge.com.

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>> Antioch

Swing into the holidays

Community band to fill season with music

By HELEN MANSFIELD
hnmansfield@nwnewsjournal.com

ANTIOCH — Sure, some people have rocked around the Christmas tree at one time or another, but with the help of the late Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra, the holidays can really swing.

Members of the Lakes Area Community Swing Band will perform beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at Rumpoles Banquet Hall in Twin Lakes, Wis.

Hans Plattner is a resident of Lindenhurst and a member of the 17-piece band. Born in Austria, Plattner moved to the area in 1977 and joined the Lakes Area Community Band in 1998.

A year before he joined, members of the community band discussed their common love of swing music. Holly Frederichs, who became the swing band director, made some phone calls and borrowed some music.

By December 1999, the Lakes Area Community Swing Band was born.

The swing band plays weddings, anniversaries, private parties, fundraisers, and public events throughout Lake and McHenry counties.

Plattner said the band has gained popularity in surrounding communities as well as Twin Lakes, Wis., and has bookings as far in advance as September 2008.

"It must mean we're too cheap," Plattner said with a laugh.

For dances, disc jockeys can cost \$1,000, and other swing bands can cost \$2,000. But, Plattner said, the band, which is a nonprofit group, is looking for just enough money to cover its costs.

The Twin Lakes gig, at \$10 a person, will allow just that.

"None of us gets paid," he said. "We take donations to

Sounds of swing

Lakes Area Community Swing Band will perform beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at Rumpoles Banquet Hall, 352 E. Main St. in Twin Lakes, Wis.

Kenosha dance instructors Mark and Ann Greco will offer free swing dance lessons when the doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information on the Lakes Area Community Swing Band, call Director Holly Frederichs at 847-265-6595, or go to the band's Web site, www.lacsb.com.

If swing music isn't your bag, have no fear. The Lakes Area Community Band also has more traditional holiday tunes in its holiday repertoire.

Steve Porch, a resident of Antioch and director of the community band, said the 44-piece group will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, at Antioch Community High School.

He said the band will perform with choirs from both Antioch High School and Trinity College.

Each year, Porch said, the community band opens the Antioch band shell for its "First Thursday" concert series.

Like the swing band, Porch said, the community band owes Antioch High School a debt of gratitude.

Porch said several of the band's members are high school age and perform in their school bands.

Both bands have performers who range from school age to retired seniors in their 60s.

Porch said the community band is supported through the Festival of Arts in Antioch.

The band's high school performance will include the usual holiday music fair, along with a couple of sing-a-longs.



Candace H. Johnson - wnnews@nwnewsjournal.com

Dawn Clowther, of Gurnee, a vocalist with the Lakes Area Community Swing Band, sings during a Veterans Day dance at the Fox Lake American Legion Hall.

put back into the band." Since the swing band start-

Want to try out?

Steve Porch, director of Lakes Area Community Band, said the band is open to anyone high school age and older. Anyone can come to one of its practices from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday at Antioch High School, 1133 Main St. in Antioch.

For more information, go to www.lacsb.org.

ed, it has earned enough to put 130 charts of music in its books and buy its own sound equipment, stands, and accessories.

The group rehearses at 9 p.m. every Monday night at Antioch High School. Director Frederichs said some nights, rehearsal can go as late as 11 p.m. "simply for the love of swing music."

>> InBrief

Lake Villa office supports "Toys for Tots" drive Jack Ruskin, the local Edward Jones financial adviser, is supporting the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program by using his office as a drop-off location for this year's toy drive.

As of Nov. 26, local residents can help needy children in the area by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy to the office, 101 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Lake Villa, during regular business hours.

"With the holiday season around the corner, we are all getting ready for the festivities," Ruskin said. "And as this is the season of giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our community."

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>> LocalDeaths

Helga Schreiber, 78, Salem, Wis.
Thomas J. Steiner, 65, Mundelein
Helen Lucille Armstrong Allison, 94, Libertyville

Robert H. Losch, 82, Round Lake
Stefan 'Opa' Marx, 82, McHenry
Roy W. Aronson, 84, Genoa City, Wis.

Steven S. Muenchausen, 40, Libertyville
Dolores P. Calloway, 86, Antioch
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>> InBrief

Nicasa honors Oprah assistant, other volunteers

Nicasa hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner recently featuring Reggie Wells. Wells, a make-up artist for Oprah Winfrey, received the Volunteer of the Year award for volunteering his services to the women in treatment at Nicasa's Women's Services Center in North Chicago.

In July 2006 he visited the women and "challenged them to see the beauty and potential inside each of them," according to a release from Nicasa. At his return visit a month later he gave the women tickets to the Oprah Show.

"You don't do this for the award, you do it for the people," Wells said at the Nicasa dinner Nov. 13.

Additional awards were given for the contributions to a variety of Nicasa's programs and collaborative efforts.

Among those honored were Waukegan Police Department Detective Mike Heidler and Sgt. Joe Kreppin, who received Youth Leadership Awards.

Nicasa is a behavioral health and substance abuse treatment and prevention agency serving the Lake County area. For more information about Nicasa, visit www.nicasa.org.

-Local reports

Holiday Walk comes to town

Holiday Walk fun will be back in Wauconda from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Businesses along Main Street will be decorated for holiday spirit, shopping and dining. Events will include a scavenger hunt and chili contest.

The following are some of the scheduled events:

- 1 to 3 p.m. - Horse drawn sleigh rides on Main Street (free)
- 1 to 4:30 p.m. - Arts and crafts at Beach Park
- 2 to 4 p.m. - Pictures with Santa at Wauconda Village Hall gazebo
- 4 p.m. - Chili cook-off.

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Lake County Board approves 2008 budget

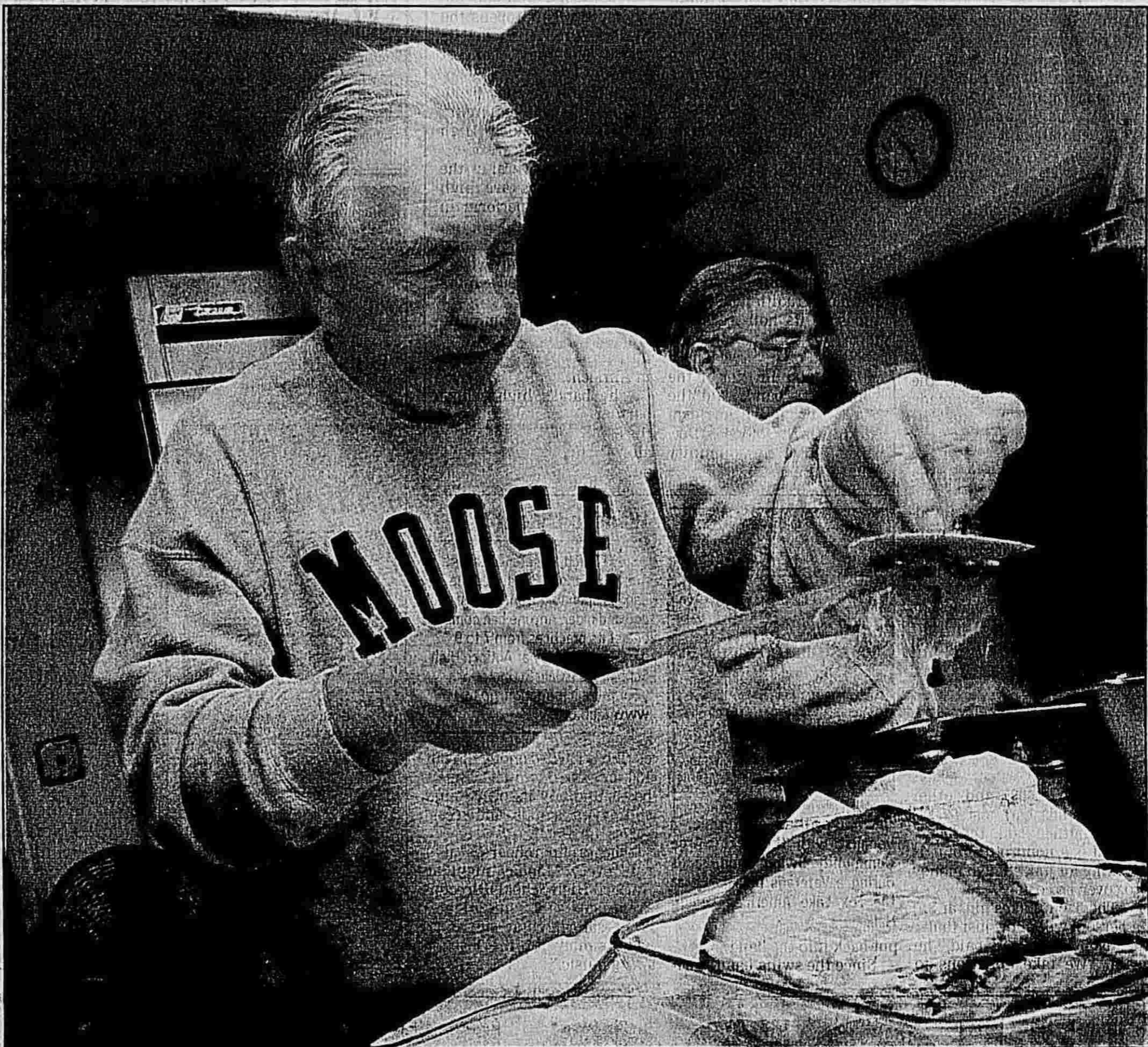
The Lake County Board approved the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget at its regular meeting on Nov. 13.

The total budget is \$450,022,261. While this represents an increase of 5.86 percent from fiscal year 2007, this includes revenue that is generated from other sources, not from local taxpayers - like state and federal grants for the health department, according to a release from the board.

The budget allocates additional money toward the board's priorities including road construction, water resource planning, economic development programs and additional funding for the criminal justice system.

-Local reports

Bring on the feast



Joe Shuman - wjnews@mnnewsgroup.com

Wauconda Moose member Jim Davis, of Island Lake, cuts a turkey for Navy recruits on Thanksgiving.

Health department says goodbye to a leader

Executive director retires

By JOSEPH MULLER
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WAUKEGAN — Lake County Health Department Executive Director Dale Galassie will retire after 25 years of service. During Galassie's time at the health department he aided in it more than doubling in size and expanding its services.

Galassie said the LCHD is in the top 6 percent of the United States' 3,300 health departments in terms of size; while ranking second in Illinois, after the Chicago Health Department.

LCHD's five departments - Administration, Primary Care, Environmental, Community, and Behavioral Health - provide Lake County residents with numerous services.

Lake County's health care centers provide primary care services for about 40,000 Lake County residents. Galassie said it is one of the strongest human service programs in the country.

"Dale [Galassie] put a lot of energy into that program," said Dave Schanding, behavioral health director.

Lake County's Environmental Health Services won a Samuel J. Crumrine Consumer Protection

Healthy numbers

Since becoming the Lake County Health Department executive director, Dale Galassie said he has seen the LCHD budget swell from \$19 million to \$64 million, with the staff more than doubling from roughly 600 to 1,000 employees.

Award in 1999 for a health education program aimed at restaurant workers. The program not only inspected Lake County restaurants for health violations, but educated restaurant workers about proper food maintenance and cleanliness. Only one out of 3,300 health departments in the country obtain this award every year.

"We hold ourselves up to a higher bar, and we think that's a good thing," Galassie said.

Before starting at the Health Department, Galassie's worked as assistant to Tom Kennedy, Lewis University vice president.

"In higher education, I worked with student aid. Here it was working with public aid," Galassie said. "They had similar building systems."

Working closely with Kennedy also helped Galassie better understand leadership.

"He took me under his wing," Galassie said. "[At] an early age in my career, he helped me

understand management and leadership issues."

One of Galassie's main responsibilities at LCHD was bringing money back from Washington, D.C. and Springfield to fund the health department's programs and employees. He also led 70 different managers in the Lake County Health Department. He said going into the health department, he knew how to run an organization, but understood that managers knew more about their own jobs than himself.

"Once I became comfortable with that, it was a matter of getting out of the way and letting them do what they do - and giving them the resources to do it," he said.

Galassie purposely made no concrete plans after retirement other than spending time with Stella, his 7-month-old granddaughter, and the rest of his family.

"I've enjoyed my time at the health department," he said. "But now I think it's time for life number two."

To find a new executive director, both the Lake County Board of Health and the Governing Council hired a consultant to do a national search, while also encouraging candidates within the health department to apply.

Galassie said a new director should be chosen by mid-to-late spring.

INSIDE LAKE COUNTY



John S. Matijevich

>> SeeingItThrough

Columnist John Matijevich writes that he thinks the war in Iraq is failing, but impeaching President George W. Bush would be a mistake, especially because that impeachment would give way to Vice President Dick Cheney becoming commander in chief. Instead he asks the president "to give peace a chance."

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>> SnapShot

This week's question

"How does your holiday purchasing budget compare to last year's? What has caused the change?"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11A

>> PartyLines

Cyber space becomes safer

The House of Representatives recently passed U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean's SAFER NET bill. The Democrat from Barrington said the bill will include three parts to help educate and ensure Internet safety at home and school.

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>> OurView

Illinois deals with its addiction

Gambling has become the easy way for the state to help the budget problems.

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>> SketchView



Holiday halls



Joe Shuman - wjnews@mnnewsgroup.com

Shoppers make their way through the crowds at Gurnee Mills Mall on Black Friday, Nov. 23.

HELGA SCHREIBER

Born: June 29, 1929
Died: Nov. 20, 2007
Enjoyed gardening, knitting and crocheting

SALEM, WIS. - Helga Schreiber, age 78 of Salem, Wis., passed away Nov. 20, 2007, at the Sunrise Assisted Living in Gurnee.

She was born in Schneeverdingen, Germany, the daughter of the late Heinrich and Lina (Lohmann) Rohrs.

On Jan. 6, 1954, she married Kurt Schreiber in Germany.

Survivors include two daughters, Esther (Stephen) Fetting of Lindenhurst, and Gloria (Mark) Neuhaus of Westby, Wis.; a brother, and a sister, both in Germany; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband on March 23, 1998.

The funeral was at noon, Nov. 24, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Jed Watson of the Millburn Congregational Church officiating. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery, at Salem, Wis.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., Nov. 24 until the time of services. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com.

Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

THOMAS J. STEINER

Born: Sept. 12, 1942
Died: Nov. 19, 2007

Was a plant superintendent at International Harvester Corp.

MUNDELEIN - Thomas J. Steiner, age 65, of Mundelein, passed away suddenly on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville from an accident at his home. He was born in Chicago, and served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army.

After his discharge, he did post graduate work at Lake Forest College.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Steiner; three children, Tim (Samantha) Steiner of Chicago, Jeanne (Joseph) Klemp of Highland Park and Kevin (Teresa) Steiner of Mundelein; three grandchildren; his brother, and a sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret Steiner and by a brother.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Nov. 23, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m., Nov. 24 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Mundelein.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

HELEN LUCILLE ARMSTRONG ALLISON

Born: Oct. 8, 1913
Died: Nov. 15, 2007

She volunteered with the Topeka Public Library

LIBERTYVILLE - Helen Lucille Armstrong, age 94, of Libertyville, died Nov. 15, 2007, at the Winchester House. She was born in Atchison, Kan., to Albert and Lydia Armstrong. She married William F. Allison on March 21, 1937.

They were married 49 years until his death in November 1986.

Surviving are two children, William (Sharon) Allison, Jr. of Arlington, Va. and Sara (Don) Farrington of Libertyville; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service is on Friday, Nov. 30, at the family cemetery in Fawcett, Mo. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First Christian Church in either Topeka, Kan., or Atchison, Kan., or Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 606 Potter Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ROBERT H. LOSCH

Born: July 12, 1925
Died: Nov. 20, 2007

A former Round Lake Village Treasurer

ROUND LAKE - Robert H. Losch, age 82 of Round Lake, died Nov. 20, 2007, at Winchester House in Libertyville. He was born in Evanston to Henry and Catherine (nee Stumpf) Losch.

Survivors include his children, Jack Losch of Mundelein, James Losch of Round Lake, Jill (Raymond) McNeely of Round Lake Park, Jerrold (Myrna) Losch of Palos Heights, and Joel Losch of Round Lake; his three grandchildren; and his brother, Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, and his aforementioned parents.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 9 a.m. on Nov. 24 meeting at St. Joseph Church, in Round Lake.

Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Round Lake.

Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., Nov. 23 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 114 N. Lincoln Ave., Round Lake, IL 60073. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

STEFAN 'OPA' MARX

Born: Feb. 16, 1925
Died: Nov. 24, 2007

Enjoyed soccer, fishing, gambling

MCHENRY - Stefan "Opa" Marx, age 82 of McHenry, was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and passed away Nov. 24, 2007, at home surrounded by his family.

Stefan is survived by his sons; Hans-Ulrich (Linda/Or) Marx of Wheeling, and Stevie

(Eileen/Schnuckl) Marx of McHenry; Opa (grandpa) to, Nicholas Marx and Anthony (Nichole/Puppi) Marx; friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years; Elfriede Marx.

Visitation was on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel, 410 E. Belvedere Road (Route 120), in Grayslake.

The funeral is on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Strang Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. Interment was at Highland Memorial Park, in Libertyville.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN

38105.

In memory of Stefan "Opa" Marx. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ROY W. ARONSON

Born: Dec. 17, 1922
Died: Nov. 25, 2007

Served in the U.S. Army during WWII

GENOA CITY, WIS. - Roy W. Aronson, age 84 of Genoa City, Wis., passed away Nov. 25, 2007, at the Alden Terrace Nursing Home, McHenry, after a long illness.

He was born in Antioch, the son of the late Andrew and Ivah (Clark) Aronson.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II as a medic.

On March 3, 1946, he married Gladys Kelsler in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Gladys; eight sons, Daniel (Karen) of Genoa City, Wis., Terry (Donna) of Carthage, Mo., Thomas (Joanne) of Genoa City, Wis., James (Christine) of Lake Villa, Roger (Lori) of Richmond, Rodney (Debbie) of Trevor, Wis., Jeff of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Kevin (Kathy) of Trevor, Wis.; his daughter, Melody (Frank) Colette of Antioch, 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sons, Ronald in 1969 and Brian in 1986; a daughter Dorothy in 1946; a grandson; two sisters; and a brother.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Nov. 28, at St. Peter Church in Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch.

Friends called from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in his memory, to the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad, Twin Lake, WI 53181 or the Family Home Health Service, 2171 Executive Drive, Addison, IL 60101 Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

STEVEN S. MUENCHHAUSEN

Born: Jan. 4, 1967
Died: Nov. 24, 2007

A longtime employee of Carter-Hoffman in Mundelein

LIBERTYVILLE - Steven S. Muenchausen, age 40 of Libertyville, died at his home on Nov. 24, 2007. He was born in Waukegan, to Geraldyn Muenchausen and Lawrence Ziegler.

Steven is survived by his mother, Geraldyn Muenchausen; his father, Lawrence Ziegler; his siblings, his nephew, and his nieces.

The funeral was Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road in Grayslake.

Friends of the family visited from 5 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 28, at the funeral chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave. Ste 2015, Chicago, IL 60602. For more information log on to www.strangfuneral.org.

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• OBITUARIES

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DOLORES P. CALLOWAY
'GRANDMA DUTCHESS'Born: Aug. 1, 1921
Died: Nov. 22, 2007
Was a female 'Jack-of-all-trades'

ANTIOCH — Dolores P. Calloway, age 86 of Antioch, passed away suddenly Nov. 22, 2007, at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa, Wis., from injuries received in an auto accident. She was born, Aug. 1, 1921, in Chicago, the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Vlazny) Pleshar.

She had lived for many years in the Waukegan and Beach Park area before moving to Antioch in 2005. Dolores was a member of St. Peter Church and the Council of Catholic Women of Antioch. Her hobbies included playing bingo at the Senior Center, crafts, crossword puzzles and reading and she was a female "Jack-of-all-trades." As a young woman she had worked at Swift and Co. and later for many years as a secretary for her husband's private law practice.

On Sept. 10, 1943, she married Claude R. Calloway in Philadelphia, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1998.



Dolores P. Calloway

Survivors include her children, Burton Calloway of Fullerton, Calif., Claudia (Leo) Kalisz of Antioch and Joseph (Theresa) Calloway of Madison, Wis.; her sister, Patricia (Don) Peplch of Downers Grove; five grandchildren, Courtney (Dan) Hass, Shelby Calloway, Brian (Racheal) Kalisz, Gina Kalisz and Lisa Dinkins; and two great-grandchildren, Gabi and McKenna Kalisz. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Albert and Joseph Pleshar, and a sister, Henrietta Jones.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m., Nov. 29, 2007, at St. Peter Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch, with interment at Ascension Cemetery, in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m., on Nov. 28, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. Friends desiring, may make contributions, in her memory, to the MS Foundation, 6350 North Andrew Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2130. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfl.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ROSARIO G. GARGANOBorn: May 11, 1957
Died: Nov. 25, 2007

Was an employee of the Chicago Public Schools

CHICAGO — Rosario G. Gargano, age 50 of Chicago, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in Mundelein. She was born in Queens, N.Y. to Angelo and Maria Gargano.

He was a loving son to his aforementioned parents; devoted uncle to Joseph (Suzanne), Anthony, Maria, Elaine, Amanda, Angelo, and Vincent; and beloved brother of Anthony (Barbara), Joseph, Stephen (Doreen), and Patricia.

Rosario also leaves behind many friends. His grandma Maria Coronio precedes him in death.

A mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Nov. 29 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, 301 E. Belvidere Road in Grayslake.

Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

Friends of the family visited from 3 to 9 p.m., Nov. 28 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road in Grayslake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield, IL 62707 or Autism Now, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

NORMA JACOBSON
MC DONALD

Died: Nov. 22, 2007

Was beloved by everyone whose lives she touched

RALEIGH, N.C. — Norma Jacobson McDonald, age 84, of Raleigh, N.C., died peacefully Nov. 22, 2007, after an ongoing battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Predeceased by her husband, Orville Charles "Mac" McDonald, and brothers,

Herbert Barney Jacobson, and Stanley Mason Jacobson.

She is survived by her sister, Marie Carlson; son, Bradley McDonald; daughters, Dawn Silsbee and her husband, Michael Silsbee and Colleen Williams and her husband, Steven Williams; grandchildren, Kathryn and Kiersten McDonald, Tiffany and Allison Silsbee, and Jonathan and Lauren Williams.

Born in Grayslake, she graduated from Warren Township High School in 1941 and married her husband, "Mac," in 1943.

They lived in Grayslake, Bradley, Meridian, Miss., Binghamton, N.Y. and finally settled in Raleigh, N.C. in 1970. She was employed at

North Carolina State University where she had several positions the last of which was housing administrator.

It was in the Housing Department that she was the recipient of the 1985 Distinguished Performance Award (now called "The Awards for Excellence"), which at that time was awarded to one person for the entire university.

She retired in 1989 to take care of her grandchildren with her husband. Norma was beloved by her family, friends, co-workers, and by everyone else whose lives she touched.



Norma Jacobson McDonald

She was an exemplary mother and grandmother and she will be greatly missed by us all.

Funeral services were at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 200 S. E. Maynard Road, Cary, NC, on Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh, N.C. The family received friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 27 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Norma's name to the Alzheimer's Association - Eastern N.C. Chapter, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605. Condolences may be sent through www.brownwynne.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MARIAN TRUAX GAW

Born: Jan. 2, 1914

Died: Nov. 22, 2007

Was a great homemaker and decorator

GURNEE — Marian Truax Gaw, 93, of Gurnee, died peacefully at home on Nov. 22, 2007.

Marian was born in Chicago. She and Gilbert were married in 1936 and she worked at Marshall Field's.

Survivors include her daughters, Marianne Schulze of Zion, Judith (Paul) Mitchell of Glenview; son, William (Sharon Landes) Gaw of Renton, Wash.; and grandsons. Her first great-grandchild was born on Nov. 19.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert, who died Nov. 27, 2005.

The funeral was at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville on Nov. 28, at 2 p.m.

Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m. on Nov. 28. Donations in Marian's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ARLENE O'DONOHUE

Born: Oct. 18, 1931

Died: Nov. 22, 2007

A former Cook County Circuit Court Clerk

GURNEE — Arlene O'Donohue, age 76 of Gurnee, died Nov. 22, 2007, at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. She was born Oct. 18, 1931, in Chicago to Thomas and Peggy Gallagher Stacy.

Survivors include her children Michael (Patricia) Fegert of Grayslake and Patrick (Barbara) O'Donohue of Manteno; and her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road in Grayslake.

Friends of the family may visit from 10:30 a.m., until the time of service. For information visit www.strangfuneral.org. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

**LEONARD D. DORAZIO**

Born: Feb. 1, 1935

Died: Nov. 23, 2007

Enjoyed hunting and fishing

VERNON HILLS — Leonard D. Dorazio, age 72 of Vernon Hills, died Nov. 23, 2007, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

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He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Harvey, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Dorazio; daughter, Marcia Elkin and grandson, Evan Elkin, both of Lincolnshire; two step-grandsons; two sisters; and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Sophie Dorazio; and by a grandson.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of mass at 11 a.m. Nov. 26 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, in Indian Creek. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.

WILLIAM F. STASEK

Born: Feb. 27, 1925

Died: Nov. 18, 2007

Chicago resident all his life

CHICAGO – William F. Stasek, age 82 of Chicago, died Nov. 18, 2007, in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago to the late Aldrich and Jean Stasek.

He was the beloved husband of the late

Georgiana; loving father of Bill and Linda Stasek and Bob and Barbara Stasek; devoted grandfather of Jeremy, Dustin and Monica Stasek and Brooke (Adam) Kraft; grandfather of four; and great-grandfather of three.

Services were Nov. 23 from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville to Highland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Orphans of the Storm or the Cradle Foundation. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.

ANDRE 'OZZIE' ERROL OSMUNDSON

Born: Nov. 14, 1937

Died: Nov. 24, 2007

Was an avid Cubs and Bears fan and loved fishing

MCHENRY— Andre "Ozzie" Errol Osmundson, age 70 of Pistakee Highlands, McHenry for the past 25 years, died on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. He was born in Madelia, Minn., on Nov. 14, 1937, to Andrew and Jessie (nee Colebank) Osmundson.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Navy, directing planes in for various missions and was in charge of Radar Control.

Mr. Osmundson had an extensive education having traveled worldwide during his

military career.

After retiring from the Navy Mr. Osmundson continued his career as a Civilian Contractor for the U.S. Navy teaching as lead instructor for ILARTS Programs at Great Lakes Naval Base.

He was a member of the Legion Post 703 of Fox Lake; member of the VFW Post 4600 in McHenry; and member of the National Athletic Club of Fox Lake. He was an avid Cubs and Bears fan and loved fishing.

He will be dearly missed by his sons, Mike (April) Osmundson of Victorville, Calif; Scott Osmundson of Johnsbury; grandchildren, Amber, Jessica, Kayla and Emily; great-granddaughters, Marissa and Madilyn; his former wife, Jane "Mickey" Pedersen, nee Layne, of Tazewell, Va.; and his sister, Alberta Krummel of Miami, Fla.; as well as other relatives and many dear friends.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Road, Fox Lake (1 block west of Route 12, one-half block north of Grand Avenue). All are asked to meet for his Graveside Committal Service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at Fort Sheridan Cemetery in Highwood.



The family will appreciate memorials for AMVETS National Service Foundation, 4647 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.

MARIE J. MORDAUSKI

Born: May 9, 1916

Died: Nov. 23, 2007

A lifelong resident of Libertyville-Mundelein area

MUNDELEIN – Marie J. Mordauski, age 91, of Mundelein, died Nov. 23, 2007, at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born May 9, 1916, in Libertyville.

Surviving are three children, Charlotte (Hugh) McLarnon of Mundelein, Kenneth (Barbara) Becker of Kingman, Ariz. and Steven (the late Lillian) Becker of Mundelein; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and her sister. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul J. Becker in 1972, by her second husband, Bruno Mordauski in 1998; by her son, Paul D. Becker in 2002 and a grandson, in 1980.

Visitation was from noon until the time of services at 2 p.m. on Nov. 26 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Condell Healthcare Foundation. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.

nals.com/obits.

SHIRLEY E. JOHNSON

Born: July 1, 1927

Died: Nov. 26, 2007

Loved to do floral arranging for churches and nursing homes

SALEM, WIS. – Shirley E. Johnson, age 80 of Salem, Wis. died Monday Nov. 26, 2007 at Memorial Hospital of Burlington, Wis. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Frank and Ada (Wilke) Svejda. On April 23, 1949 she married Carl Allen Johnson in Chicago. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1990.

Survivors are three sons, David (Bonnie) of Salem, Wis., Mark of Wheatland, Wis. and Carl of Milwaukee, Wis.; three daughters, Carla (Ken) VanHoogen of Salem, Wis., Karen DeRidder of Burlington, Wis., and Jennifer (Michael) O'Heam of Wichita, Kan.; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by an infant daughter Mary and a sister.

The funeral was at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, at CrossView Church, 750 Highview, in Antioch, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment followed at Liberty Cemetery in Salem, Wis. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a family memorial. Arrangements were handled by the Strang

Funeral Home, in Antioch.

Please sign our guest book for Shirley at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.

PATRICIA L. 'PATTI' GILBERTS

Born: April 4, 1954

Died: Nov. 19, 2007

Was a member of the Navy Dental Corps Wives Club

MUNDELEIN – Patricia L. "Patti" Gilberts, age 53, of Mundelein, died Nov. 19, 2007, at the Lake Forest Hospital. She was born April 4, 1954, in Fort Riley, Kan.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Mark Gilberts, of Mundelein; two children, Megan (John) DeMotte of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Matthew Gilberts of Mundelein; and two brothers.

Visitation was from 12:30 p.m. until the time of services at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 26 at Trinity Community Church in Libertyville. Memorial donations can be given to the Gilberts Family, to be forwarded to the "Rose," a nonprofit breast cancer research organization. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-countyjournals.com/obits.



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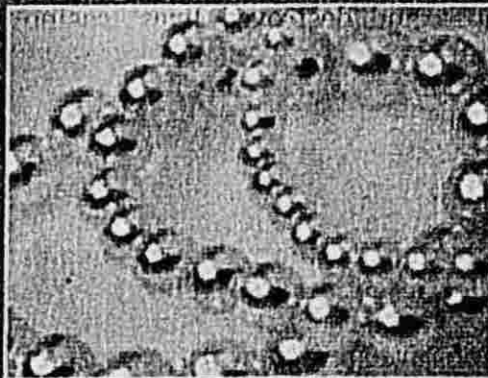
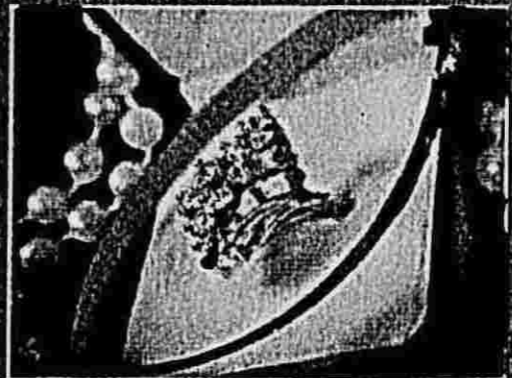
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Illinois resorts to gambling

Gambling has come a long way in Illinois.

When the first riverboat opened in Alton in 1991, it was required to cruise. Back then, Illinois politicians still were floating the facade that riverboat casinos somehow were different than land-based casinos.

When the state Legislature first approved gambling here, they did so under the guise that riverboats somehow were historic - a throw-back to yesteryear. That made it more palatable to a public rightfully concerned about the downside of gambling: Crime, bankruptcy, substance abuse and destroyed lives and families.

Today, the facade about gambling in Illinois has all but fallen away.

The casinos don't pretend to be riverboats. They simply are casinos that, strangely, have to sit on the water. Dockside gaming was approved years ago. And the differences between riverboats and land-based casinos are hard to identify.

The state Legislature now, once again, is considering a major expansion of gambling. Why? Because our state government is borderline incompetent and is incapable of resolving budgetary issues without turning to gambling. The state is unable to pass a capital-improvement program to fix roads without gambling. Mass transit remains another unresolved issue. Let's not even talk about education. The list of failures goes on and on.

But hey, at least we are going to

get some new casinos, right?

House Speaker Michael Madigan has proposed overhauling the Illinois Gaming Board. Madigan's proposal would require that gaming-board members have an extensive background in areas such as in law enforcement, accounting, or the judiciary. Gaming-board members would be paid \$150,000, the same as judges. The Illinois Supreme Court would select a pool of candidates from which the state Legislature and the governor could pick. There also would be a revolving door provision to ensure turnover, and the fee to get a gambling license for a casino would increase from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

These would be good changes. Although the Illinois Gaming Board has not been the subject of any recent scandals, there should be as many safeguards as possible against potential corruption.

We do not have a problem with Madigan's plan. Rather, we have a problem with the fact that Madigan's plan has to exist. We have a problem with the fact that such changes are being put forth in anticipation of another massive expansion of gambling in Illinois.

It is clear that our state government is addicted to tax dollars. And it is clear that our Legislature's answer to problems simply is to issue yet another gambling license. Worse, however, is the fantasy that gambling has no cost. It has a cost. A high, societal cost. It is time for Illinois to find another way.

>> SketchView



>> YourView

Stop the lies

To the editor:

Over this past week there have been several occasions in which individuals have expressly stated that the Libertyville Village Board and more specifically the village president have decided to eliminate Libertyville Days and are trying to ensure the failure of the MainStreet organization. I write this letter to assure the community that these highly inaccurate rumors are being spread by individuals with no knowledge of the situations and are intentionally trying to cause alarm.

I have been on record in several newspapers during the past few weeks stating that the Village Board is very supportive of MainStreet and has committed to help the organization to succeed. Further, in the event that the community does not step forward and help support the organization as it has in the past, the village has guaranteed that extremely

popular programs such as Out to Lunch, Farmers Market and Pumpkin Fest will go on without a hitch. We also will work with anyone who would like to help the businesses with all their other events. For anyone to spread such a rumor that the village is not supportive of the downtown and its businesses obviously does not know me, this board, nor the direction we have been taking. We know that every section of town is important to the success of Libertyville and that the downtown is no exception. I would urge those whom are spreading the outright lies and rumors to stop.

Regarding the cancelling of Libertyville Days, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact this past week at the parks and recreation committee meeting we discussed several methods to help Libertyville Days succeed while controlling its costs. The Village Board has never discussed eliminat-

Letters to the editor

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>> PartyLines

House passes Bean's Internet safety bill

An Internet safety bill from U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, called SAFER NET, passed the U.S. House of Representatives recently by a vote of 398 to 6.

The bill, H.R. 3461, is the first of its kind to call for creation of a national education campaign on Internet safety. Congresswoman Bean, a mother of two, said she has heard from parents across Illinois 8th District about the need for more help in protecting their families from predators lurking on the Internet.

"Our nation has learned how to educate kids about 'stranger danger,' and we've taught them how to avoid trouble when they're at the park and walking home from school," Bean said. "But with today's Internet society, the playground has gotten much bigger."

SAFER NET, or the Safeguard America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act, has three components. First, it authorizes \$5 million for a national public awareness campaign through the Federal Trade

Commission.

Second, the bill calls on the FTC to become a national clearinghouse for existing resources on Internet safety, making it easier for schools and parents to find reliable information.

Also, the bill encourages increased industry accountability, by establishing a working group through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to review and evaluate industry efforts to promote online safety and protect children from inappropriate material online.

Learning experience

Several Wauconda Township officials were among the 1,500 township officials who participated in the 2007 Annual Education Conference, sponsored by Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) in Springfield.

Attending from Wauconda were Township Supervisor Glenn Swanson, Assessor Pat Oaks, Highway Commissioner Joe Munson, Clerk Christine Rowe, trustees Cindy Bilisko, Rosann Hansen and Jill Ryan and Administrator Stephanie Maiorillo. The conference was at Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield.



Melissa Bean
U.S. Rep. from Barrington

>> Snapshot

"How does your holiday purchasing budget compare to last year's? What has caused the change?"



"[It's] very different now because I stopped working to start my own business."
Shannon Miller
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Eleana Lindsey
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Janet Ritacca
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>> SeeingItThrough

Cheney has too much power over policies

At different times during the last two years, some sources, including Congressman Dennis Kucinich, have urged or taken steps to initiate impeachment proceedings against President George W. Bush.

They contend that Bush's preemptive strike against Iraq was unconstitutional and he should be charged with high crimes and misdemeanors.

Knowing that I have been adamant against the "sharp right turn" in foreign policy when Bush abandoned Afghanistan to wage the war in Iraq, I was asked what I thought of any plan to impeach Bush.

I am one who thinks that any president must receive approval of Congress before making a declaration of war unless there is an imminent threat against the safety of the country.

However, I think that the Iraq War was so messed up and there had been so much division within the country because of the failed policies and operation of the war, that any action to impeach would have caused further divisiveness and harm to the country.

Also, in spite of every wrong move by the administration and the president's very low approval ratings, an impeachment effort would have received very little support. President Bush's spinmasters would have used that as a "victory" of his war strategy.

When one fellow asked about the impeachment of Bush issue, I answered him by saying that if everything went on target and he



John S. Matijevich

was impeached, would the gentleman then be satisfied with the alternative. I said that Vice President Dick Cheney, who seems to have been the chief architect of the failed Iraq strategy, would end up being the Commander in Chief. He said that it would make him real uneasy if Cheney "held the keys to the country."

As it is, Cheney is too powerful in a position of government that for most of the years of our Republic has been a very weak position.

The only constitutional duties of the vice president are to preside over the U.S. Senate and to succeed the President in time of vacancy.

The humorist, Will Rogers, once said that being vice president is the best job in the country; all he has to do is get up every morning and say, "How is the president?"

As much as I like all public officials to work hard every hour of the day, I think that this is one time that I would rather have the second-in-command handling the more ceremonial duties and responsibilities of days gone by.

Maybe the farmers of our constitution knew what they were doing when they limited the functions of the office of the vice president.

Back when Bush's political guru, Karl Rove, stepped down along with others, there were reports that Cheney's influence over White House policies would diminish, too. Too good to be true, I thought, and I didn't hold much stock in the reports.

I thought that some in the administration's political strategy team thought that the rumors of Cheney's lesser involvement might help Bush's downward approval marks. After all, Cheney's score might be just past the single digit favorable rating.

Recent foreign policy news show that reports of Cheney's early "divorce of power" were exaggerated.

Cheney's fingerprints seem to be soiled all over the recent intimations that another right turn in foreign policy aimed at Iran is heading steam within the bowels of the White House think tank. That should bring the approval ratings down to zero.

Cheney and Bush ought to take heed of a gentleman who, unlike them, served valiantly as a military war hero, and as our Commander in Chief, President Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower once said, "I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of the way and let them have it."

For a change, Mr. President and vice president, "Give Peace a Chance!"

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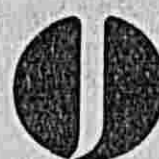
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SEUSS ON STAGE: "Seussical" the play opens Nov. 30 and will be performed on weekends through Dec. 16 at PM&L Theatre in Antioch.

CHICAGO IN WAUKEGAN: The band Chicago comes to Genesee Theatre in Waukegan for an 8 p.m. performance Dec. 1.

'ROCK'ING TO THE BEAT: Through Dec. 2, "The Rocky Horror Show" will be at Mercury Theater in Chicago.

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White bean soup

The Crock-Pot gets new life with this recipe for white bean soup with Swiss chard and Gruyère croutons, a meal that is sure to please. To read the recipe, go to LakeCountyJournals.com and select "food" under LakeLife.

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'Farewell Umbrella'

Get ready to flip into a world of fantasy and adventure with "Farewell Umbrella." The play, which is making its American premiere at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's main stage through Dec. 1, is a visual spectacular.

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>> EveryMom

Giving thanks

A few months ago, columnist Jami Kunzer got some surprising news - she's pregnant with her second pair of twins. But despite the challenges of raising five children, Kunzer says she knows she's blessed and is thankful for each of her children, especially on Thanksgiving.

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Cooler sounds of the season

Make this rock 'n' roll gift guide your wish list

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Although music downloads seem to be eclipsing compact discs, it's not too easy (or fun) to give a download for the holidays. In the gift department, CDs and DVDs still seem to rule the yuletide season. Here are some DVDs, CDs, and box sets that might be right for the music fans on your list.

The Beatles, "Help!" (Capitol, DVD)

"A Hard Day's Night" might be the gold standard of rock movies, but "Help!" is just goofy fun.



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Directed by Richard Lester, the 1965 movie features a ridiculous, James Bond-inspired plot that pits the lads from Liverpool against an Eastern cult desperate for one of Ringo's rings. The Beatles get attacked in an Indian restaurant, Paul shrinks to a mini-McCartney, and then the band jets to Switzerland and the Bahamas because, well, those are nice places to make a film.

This indulgent silliness is saved by The Beatles' hammy performances (that smirking John Lennon is a real mixer), Lester's proto-"Monty Python" surreal comedy (pointed out by Martin Scorsese in a booklet included with this DVD) and - of course - the music. "Ticket to Ride" in the snow, "You're Going to Lose That Girl" in a smoky studio, "Another Girl" on a rocky beach - these are MTV-worthy clips that predated the music channel by 16 years.

A 30-minute documentary with comments from Lester explains some of that significance, but lacks for input from either surviving Beatle. However, the restored film looks and sounds better than it ever has, which makes this magical mystery tour worth taking.

- Bryan Wawzenek

"Four Decades Of Folk Rock" (Time Life, CD set)

This four-CD box set traces the influence of folk on rock from 1965 to the present, but the term folk rock is applied loosely here.

For that reason, folk rock purists will probably scoff at the inclusion of such songs as "Come On Eileen" by Dexys Midnight Runners, "Fade into You" by Mazzy Star, and David Gray's "Babylon." But Heartland musicians are well represented as part of this set, including Chicago's

Wilco, Belleville native Jay Farrar, and Indiana's John Hiatt.

- Eric Schelkopf

Joy Division, collector's editions of "Unknown Pleasures," "Closer," and "Still" (Rhino, CDs)

Perhaps the most important post-punk band, Joy Division grabbed punk rock's outward rage and bent it inward. Tortured frontman Ian Curtis (whose 1980 suicide ended the band) didn't

shout about society's ills, he bel-lowed about his sick soul - while his band and producer Martin Hannett created a hollow, airy sound to match.

These double-disc reissues, timed to the release of Anton Corbijn's Curtis biopic "Control," are fabulous for longtime fans and neophytes alike. Each original album is paired with a full, live performance, which demonstrates the razor-sharp rampages the band was capable of, in direct contrast to the spacey precision of Joy Division's studio recordings.

Although the concert discs vary in audio quality (worth the sacrifice, to hear a raucous "She's Lost Control" on the "Unknown Pleasures" bonus CD), the original albums sound marvelously clear, and as enticing and dangerous as ever.

- B.W.

"The Ike and Tina Turner Story: 1960-1975" (Time Life, CD set)

The lasting impact of the music that Ike and Tina Turner made together is shown on this 49-song set. The three-CD set includes hits and fan favorites like "Proud Mary" and "Nutbush City Limits." As a bonus, the set includes the entire 1969 live album "Live...In Person," never before available on CD.

- E.S.

Nirvana, "MTV Unplugged in New York" (Universal, DVD)

Arguably the most famous - and best - of all the MTV "Unplugged" shows, Nirvana's acoustic performance got its first DVD release earlier this week.



UNPLUGGED IN NEW YORK

Presented as it was shot (unedited, with all songs included and false starts preserved), the 1993 installment is even more hypnotic and remarkable. Kurt Cobain, nervously shifting in his swivel chair, seemed both uncertain and excited in these circumstances, which moved his loud, power trio into an arena where songcraft and lyrics could be picked apart. Nirvana's

uncertainty electrified its performance and Cobain's songwriting (and clever

interpretation of covers) held up in the spotlight.

Of course, Nirvana would never get to further explore this new territory

- Cobain killed himself four months after the concert was filmed. The DVD's extras fail to illuminate the importance of the concert, although the rehearsal footage will be of interest to die-hards.

- B.W.

R.E.M., "Live" (Warner Bros., CD/DVD)

You'd think a band as popular and skilled as R.E.M. would have released a live album before 2007, but it turns out this concert document - simply titled "Live" - is the alt-rock group's first live record (a DVD version of the show is included, too). The bad news: the show came on the "Around the Sun" tour, which means too many of that record's sluggish, dreary electro-folk tunes show up. The good news: the latter-day version of R.E.M. (Michael Stipe, Peter Buck, Mike Mills, and contributors Ken Stringfellow, Scott McCaughey, and Bill Rieflin) plays lean and muscular versions of many of the band's classics in this Dublin concert from 2005.

Although "Live" is better than you'd expect, a recording from R.E.M.'s prime - with drummer Bill Berry - would be ideal.

- B.W.

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, "Runnin' Down a Dream" (Warner Bros., DVD/CD set)

You wouldn't think that the

career of a laid-back rocker like Tom Petty could provide enough drama for a "Behind the Music" special, much less a four-hour documentary helmed by Peter

Bogdonovich. But "Runnin' Down a Dream" (available at Best Buy only) is a charmed story of how Petty got signed, perpetually peeved record industry suits and rose above the trends to remain a rock superstar for decades.

Along the way, there are tales of a stalker/arsonist, the tragedy of drug-addicted bassist Howie Epstein, and the intra-band animosity Petty caused when he went "solo" (and became a superstar) with "Full Moon Fever." Better than those juicy stories is how Bogdonovich strips back Petty's aww-shucks drawl to reveal a man of principle, who didn't cut his bandmates loose when a record honcho just wanted to sign him.

The movie gives "I Won't Back Down" new meaning, while reminding you why you loved Petty's songs in the first place. Add a full 2006 concert filmed in Petty's hometown of Gainesville, Fla., and a CD of rarities and live tracks (including "Honey Bee" with Dave Grohl on drums), and it's a perfect package.

- B.W.

"Dick Clark's American Bandstand 50th Anniversary Collectors Set" (Time Life, CD set)

With the 12 CDs included in this "American Bandstand" box set, you could start your own oldies radio station. Although you'd be missing contributions from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and almost everything Phil Spector produced, nearly every pop music mainstay of the '50s, '60s, and '70s would be represented. From Buddy Holly to the Bee Gees and Ray Charles to Rick Springfield, this box includes almost all the artists who appeared on Dick Clark's musical showcase.

But despite the wealth of great material, the presentation is a little confusing. Outside of the first two discs (collectively titled "Best of the Spotlight Dances" and full of slow songs), there isn't much of a theme to the discs. It would have made more sense to sequence the set chronologically. At least most of what's here has a good beat, and you can dance to it.

- B.W.

Merle Haggard, "The Original Outlaw" (Time Life, CD set)

If you are bemoaning today's country music, this three-CD collection should put a smile on your face. Haggard has never been shy about his blue-collar roots, and those roots figure prominently into his music. His songs seem a million miles away from the empty, radio-friendly country music that dominates the scene today.

- E.S.

• Photos provided

INSIDE SPORTS



Kevin Kaduk

>> Views

Columnist Kevin Kaduk says that you know it's late November when Kenny Williams tells White Sox fans to be patient and wait for him to announce his Opening Day roster, while assuring them that this team will compete for another World Series title.

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Now that football season is through, the Lake County Journals takes a look back and reviews the most memorable teams.

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Athletic spotlight

Grayslake North basketball player Clay Hennicksen scored 20 points to help his team win 43-37 against Marengo, while Grant basketball player Tori Ziegler had 21 points to lead her team to victory over Deerfield.

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>> GameOfTheWeek

Basketball blowout

Antioch vs. Grant beginning at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Grant.

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Golden performance



Photo provided

It's time for the Oscars. Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff predicts who he thinks will walk away with a trophy at the 2007 Academy Awards, including Denzel Washington as Best Actor for his performance in "American Gangster." See more of Westhoff's predictions on PAGE 3B.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

LONG GROVE- Holiday festivities have begun at Long Grove. Carriage rides are available from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, and 16 for \$5 a person; there will be ongoing entertainment and carolers on weekends until Christmas; Santa will visit on weekends; live reindeer will stop by from 1 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 2; and outdoor chimes (new this year) at each of Long Grove's shops add to the spirit of Christmas. Long Grove is near Routes 83 and 53, just north of Lake Cook Road. For more information, call 847-634-0888, or go to www.longgroveonline.com.

AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO- The AIDS Foundation of Chicago will host "World of Chocolate," an annual holiday event, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 29 at Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Tickets cost \$75 in advance and \$100 at the door. Higher-level ticket options also are available. For more information, or to reserve a ticket, call 312-334-0935, or go to www.aidschicago.org.

MCCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK- The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink on

Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison streets is open for the season. Skating at the rink is free, and the rink is open to the public. Skate rental is available for \$9. The rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through March 16, 2008. On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the rink will be open from noon to 8 p.m. The rink also will close at 8 p.m. on Dec. 27 and Jan. 7. For more information, call 312-742-1168, or go to www.millenniumpark.org.

HARVEST MOON MYSTERY- For six years, Apple Holler, at 5006 S. Sylvania Ave., in Sturtevant, Wis., has been the home of interactive murder mysteries. Newest in the lineup is "Homicidal Idol," which will play most Saturday evenings through Feb. 2, 2008, at Apple Holler's Red Barn Theatre. For more information, call 800-238-3629, or go to www.apple-holler.com.

PM&L THEATRE- "Seussical," a play based on the works of Dr. Seuss, opens Nov. 30 and will be

performed for three weekends through Dec. 16 at PM&L Theatre. The play will begin at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15; it will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, and 16. PM&L Theatre is at 877 Main St. in Antioch. To reserve tickets, call the PM&L Box Office at 847-395-3055.

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE'S COURTYARD THEATRE- Farewell Umbrella (Au Revoir Parapluie) will take place through Dec. 1 at Chicago Shakespeare's Courtyard Theatre, 800 E. Grand Ave., in Chicago. For more information, call 312-595-5600.

IMPROV PLAYHOUSE- Improv Playhouse, with offices/studio at 116 W. Lake St. in Libertyville and black box space at 735 N. Milwaukee in Libertyville, will host an audition acting master class for teens on from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Dec. 17. The class costs \$120. For more information, call 847-968-4529, or go to www.improvplayhouse.com.

ECLIPSE THEATRE COMPANY- 2000 W. Fulton St. in Chicago; fea-

turing "Bourbon on the Border," a story about two ordinary people who joined hundreds of Americans for a massive voter registration drive in Mississippi in the summer of 1964. Performances will take place through Dec. 16. Times are 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. An added 3 p.m. matinee on Saturdays will take place Dec. 1, 8, and 15. To reserve tickets through Victory Gardens Box office, call 773-871-3000. For more information about the theater, call 312-738-0704 or go to www.eclipse theatre.com.

MERCURY THEATRE- 3745 N. Southport Ave., in Chicago; featuring "The Rocky Horror Show" through Dec. 2. The performance schedule is 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays; 11 p.m. Fridays; and 4 and 11 p.m. Saturdays. For tickets, call the Mercury Theater box office at 773-325-1700. The show contains adult subject matter and is for those ages 17 and older.

GENESEE THEATRE- 203 N. Genesee St., in Waukegan; Featuring: Chicago will perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1; Marie Osmond will

perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7; The Beatles Experience will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27; Illinois Brass Band presents an "Old Fashioned Christmas" at 3 p.m. on Dec. 9; and The Magic of the Nutcracker will begin at 3 p.m. on Dec. 15. Tickets are available at all ticketmaster outlets, at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 312-559-1212. For more information, call 847-782-2366, or go to www.geneseetheatre.com.

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Soul of the Bayou at 7 p.m. on April 20
The Roches at 4 p.m. on May 11

The JLC is on the College of Lake County Grayslake Campus, at 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake. For more information, call the box office at (847) 543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

PHEASANT RUN THEATRE- 4051 E. Main St., in St. Charles. For more information, call 630-584-6342. Featuring: "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" through Dec. 29. New 2008 theatrical season will begin with "Drood" from Feb. 7 through April 12. For more information, visit www.noblefool.org.

MUSEUM EVENTS

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY- At Columbia College Chicago, 600 S. Michigan Ave., in Chicago; for more information, call 312-663-5554, or visit mccp.colum.edu or www.mccp.org. An exhibition of groundbreaking work by Berlin-based photographer Beate Gutshow will be displayed through Jan. 13.

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Figuring out the puzzle of the Academy Awards

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As soon as the screening for "Michael Clayton" ended, the critic sitting in front of me pulled out her cell phone and called a friend.

"It has Oscar written all over it," she said.

That was in early September. At the end of November, following the film's disappointing run at the box office, the most optimistic thing about "Michael Clayton" is that it has Oscar lightly etched on Tom Wilkinson's and Tilda Swinton's supporting performances.

"Michael Clayton" isn't alone. A host of films that had Oscar written all over them in September — "In the Valley of Elah," "Rendition," "Into the Wild," "Things We Lost in the Fire," "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," "Lust, Caution," and "The Brave One" — now will be lucky to get a nomination for best cinematography. Oscar misfires happen every year, but this fall has been particularly brutal to Academy Award hopefuls.

The big reason for this is that a number of former Oscar winners and nominees, among them Robert Redford, Tommy Lee Jones, Reese Witherspoon, Tom Cruise, and screenwriter Paul Haggis, seriously misjudged their audience. They thought filmgoers were ready for serious examinations of the Iraq War and other aspects of the war on terror. They forgot that filmgoers weren't ready for serious examinations of the Vietnam War until

Oscar predictions

Best Picture

Sure Thing: "American Gangster." Unless one of the Christmas releases opens with huge momentum, "American Gangster" is the film to beat.

Tantalizing Possibility: "Lars and the Real Girl." It doesn't have the buzz "Little Miss Sunshine" had last year, but this charmer is a better film with marvelous performances that will impress Oscar's acting branch.

Best Actor

Sure Thing: Denzel Washington, "American Gangster." His greatest competition is his own co-star, but Russell Crowe might be shunted to the supporting actor category.

Tantalizing Possibility: Steve Carrell, "Dan in Real Life." The film is a surprise hit, and much of the credit goes to Carrell's subtle tragicomic performance.

Best Actress

Sure Thing: Angelina Jolie, "A Mighty Heart." The first of the year's "current events" films flopped, but Paramount Vantage is campaigning for a Jolie nomination as if the studio chiefs' jobs depend on it. They probably do.

Tantalizing Possibility: Amy Adams, "Enchanted." The film opened strong, and most critics praised Adams for turning a cartoon princess into a believable character.

years after the war ended. "The Deer Hunter" won the Oscar for best picture in 1979, four years after the fall of Saigon.

Oscar voters prefer to nominate films that are both critically



Tommy Lee Jones stars in "No Country for Old Men," a film that movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says is sure to dominate the Oscars.

acclaimed and commercially successful. That didn't happen this year until "American Gangster" and "No Country for Old Men" appeared in early November. They are sure to dominate the Oscars with nominations for best picture, director and screenplay. Denzel Washington will get a best actor nomination for sure, but I'll be curious to see whether his "American Gangster" co-star Russell Crowe is nominated as best supporting actor to avoid splitting

the vote. "No Country" could produce a similar nomination sleight. Look for Javier Bardem to be nominated as a supporting actor. If Bardem is nominated, he'll win. His terrifying performance is the year's most memorable, and in the supporting category, he won't face such A-listers as Washington.

If the Oscars remains a two-picture race, "American Gangster" has a considerable edge. It has a major

studio behind it, and "No Country" will be hampered by its abrupt and ambiguous ending. Plus, voters might decide "American Gangster" director Ridley Scott is overdue for an Academy Award just as they decided last year that Martin Scorsese was overdue.

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>> OnStage

'Farewell Umbrella' full of visual treats

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Tickets, please

The world is turned upside down in "Farewell Umbrella" (Au Revoir Parapluie), making its American premiere at Chicago Shakespeare Theater's main stage for a limited engagement as part of the theater's World Stage series.

Created by James Thierree, grandson of Charlie Chaplin, the show is a dazzler, reminiscent but different from a Cirque du Soleil-type production.

It features five performers — acrobats, musicians and dancers — from France, Japan, and Sweden. The performers are Thierree, Kaori Ito, Magnus Jakobsson, Satchie Noro and Maria Sendow.

"Farewell Umbrella" provides 90 non-stop minutes of theater magic as its players demonstrate immense physical dexterity and comic routines requiring perfect-pitch timing — all done without understandable language.

The costumes are enchanting, particularly the sea creatures that emerge as the stage transforms into a marsh. The special effects — some involving ballet-like movements

What: "Farewell Umbrella"
Where: World's Stage Series at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Navy Pier in Chicago
When: Through Dec. 1
Tickets: \$46 to \$56
Show information: 312-595-5678

using a series of hanging ropes or a rocking chair that serves as a dance platform — are captivating. One early scene, punctuated by music, has Thierree attempting to tug his heart, which has sunk to his knees, back to where it belongs.

Jakobsson, meanwhile, is especially endearing with his "magic" show, which involves invisible props (cards, fire, a bird) that somehow make their appearance long after the fact. Another scene involves juggling a clump of marsh grass; this subsequently changes to a whimsical "sword fight" with long reeds.

The vaguely defined plot in "Farewell Umbrella" hints at Thierree's lost — and found and lost again — wife and child. But the riveting visual spectacle keeps things flowing smoothly.

The dangers of feeding kids' sweet tooth

Just how bad are those tasty treats for children?

By JAMI KUNZER
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Just a spoonful of sugar might help the medicine go down.

But that spoonful and others consumed throughout the day, perhaps unknowingly, might be the reason children need the medicine in the first place.

The idea that sugar can lower the immune system is one of several being offered by some health experts concerned about children's eating habits.

Sugar is being blamed for all sorts of problems these days.

Obesity. Diabetes. Behavior

problems. Cavities.

Some pediatricians and nutritionists see sugar as more of a culprit than others. Eaten in modest amounts, what's the harm? Everyone needs a little treat once in a while.

Problem is, today's kids are consuming too much of it too often, health experts say.

Children need healthy, balanced diets and exercise, said Joan Kanute, lead dietitian for Sherman Health in Elgin.

"We do definitely know the less, the better in terms of those sugary foods," Kanute said.

Sugar by any other name

Some studies show young children take in an average of 5 pounds of sugar a week.

You've got your obvious sources: Soda, candy, cake, ice cream. With soda on the hot list, most parents already know to steer clear.

But it's the less obvious

sources that can really add up.

"It's so innocuous, and it's in things that you don't even think of," said Kate Ballew, a wellness educator in Crystal Lake. Ballew is a mother of four, ages 23, 21, 16, and 12.

Look for the "ose" on the labels of the foods children eat. Glucose, sucrose, fructose, maltose. They're all forms of sugar, along with corn syrup and molasses. About 4 grams equals one packet of sugar.

Sugars can be found in foods like crackers, bread, soups, cereals, waffles, milk, and so on.

Many of the highly processed foods for children

contain large amounts of high fructose corn syrup.

Some yogurts geared toward children contain as much sugar as a can of pop.

Stick with whole fruits, whole-grain cereals, and raisins, health experts say. Go with plain yogurt, and add your own fruit.

Just how bad is it?

Well, that depends on who you ask.

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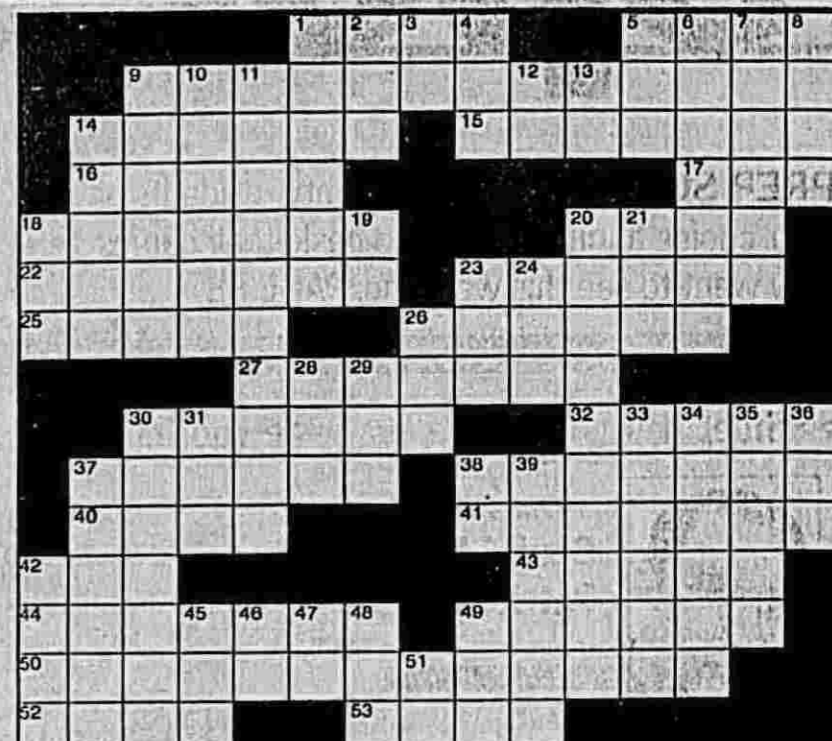
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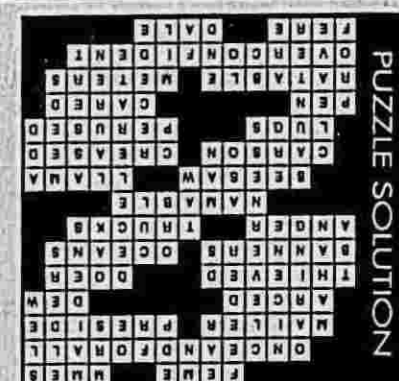
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- Don't know when yet
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- Slow up
- Hardwood tree
- A spherical object
- A passage with access only at one end
- Shoot a marble
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Family Hominidae
- Amble
- Energy unit
- Actress Bacall
- State categorically
- Rewards (archaic)
- Determine the sum of
- Force apart
- Measure of illumination



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- Move back and away from
- Teacher (abbr.)
- They
- Canadian province
- and behold
- Final stage
- One thousandth of an inch
- 4th tone of scale

>> Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Although your vices are strong, Sagittarius, you're able to look past them and continue on.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Take time off from your busy life to sit back and smell the proverbial roses, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Financial woes will put a damper on the week,

but you'll recuperate soon enough, Aquarius.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it's one thing to have goodwill toward others, but it's another to share your inner thoughts and feelings with them, too.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
This is not a good time for you to sign a contract or take on any new responsibilities, Aries. But

you should continue just what you're doing.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Compassion is your entire nature this week, Taurus. You're welcoming everyone with open arms, both family and friends.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, you'll find that you have just too much on your plate this week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Listen to your intuition, Cancer, and it will certainly guide you to the right path.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
No one will be able to sway your decision when you come to grips with a big question, Leo.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, those around you will not be as organized

as you, so step to the forefront and take charge of the situation.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
A heated debate occurs, and the end result could lead to a new relationship, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are more in control of all aspects of your life this week than ever before.

>> EveryMom



Jami Kunzer

Thankful for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving couldn't have come at a better time for me.

Pregnant with my second set of twins, I figure I have every excuse in the world to eat whatever I want.

Especially because I spent the first trimester and then some attached to the bathroom toilet. These days, if it sounds good, I'm going to eat it.

Just the fact that certain foods sound good again is one of many reasons I'm thankful.

Most of all, I'm thankful I actually feel thankful. I didn't feel that way a few months back as I sobbed on the phone to my mother that I just couldn't handle it. I wasn't prepared. It was too much.

How was I going to take care of three children when I was so sick I couldn't take care of myself? And how was I going to handle two more babies?

The worst part was the guilt I felt. I had been blessed. I should be happy.

My mother listened, and let me sob some more. And she reminded me how I will feel when those two babies are placed in my arms.

I've probably missed a lot these past few months, tuning in and out of conversations. I've had to lie on the couch now and again and just let the kids destroy the house.

It was a pain to pick up an entire roll of paper towels scattered throughout the house, but it sure kept them busy for awhile. That, and a box of Trix to pour all over the table, and they've got themselves quite a party.

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PREP SCHEDULE: Lake County residents have their choice about which prep basketball games they want to see this weekend. **PAGE 8B**

WEEKLY PLANNER: Check out two Bears games this coming week, and see which other pro sports are coming up. **PAGE 8B**

KADUK: White Sox's general manager Ken Williams is on thin ice, despite his part in the White Sox's World Series title in 2005. **PAGE 9B**

>> SideLines



Daniel J. Patrick

Time for an Alley oop!

Some things changed about the Lake County Journals this week. And it's most definitely a welcome change for sports fans.

Perhaps you've noticed that this week's edition is a little heavier than normal. No, it's not hospital advertisements for those Nintendo Wii-fueled "Black Friday" broken legs.

Instead, it's the 2007 edition of the Lake County Journals prep basketball magazine. This year, Alley oop! has information about both the girls and boys teams from nine different schools in the Lake County Journals coverage area.

Inside this magazine, there will be plenty of reading for every area hoops fan.

Questions will be answered, like "Will the Warren dynasty continue despite the boys team losing all of its starters?" "Can the Lakes girls finally break the streak?" And "Are the Round Lake girls really one of the best in the area?"

You'll learn about current stars, new coaches, and up-and-coming talents from Antioch, Carmel, Grant, Grayslake Central, Grayslake North, Lakes, Round Lake, Warren and Wauconda. Basically, if you're anywhere in the Lake County Journals coverage area, we've got a story for you.

We also have an all-area team for both the boys and the girls featuring 10 players who will undoubtedly have an effect on this season. Players such as Sarah Boothe who will have the chance to continue on in the Division I national spotlight, and players who have the potential to elevate their team to greatness in 2008.

In this year's magazine, rather than simple photos, there is reasoning behind each and every one of our preseason all-area selections. So while you might not agree with some, at least you'll know why they're on the list.

Whether you're a boys basketball fan, a girls basketball fan, or just a casual observer looking for some prep action on those lonely wintery days, this is the magazine for you.

So take a look, read about some of the area's best teams and enjoy the show. After all, this could be one wild ride this winter.

And I certainly hope that it will be.

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>> Football

The best of the best

Lake County football teams get recognized

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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As the temperatures fall and we all head inside the gym for the winter season, it's time to reflect on the sports season that just ended. With the 2007 All-Area team, there is plenty of praise to go around for individual players, but the teams also had interesting stories.

Here are some of the best from 2007:

Best team run

This one's actually quite a bit harder to pin down because there are a number of criteria to look at. If you want to go by the playoff run, then Carmel is the runaway favorite. But if you want to go by historical significance, then Grant's 10-1 season has the title.

So we'll just call it a tie.

Carmel Corsairs

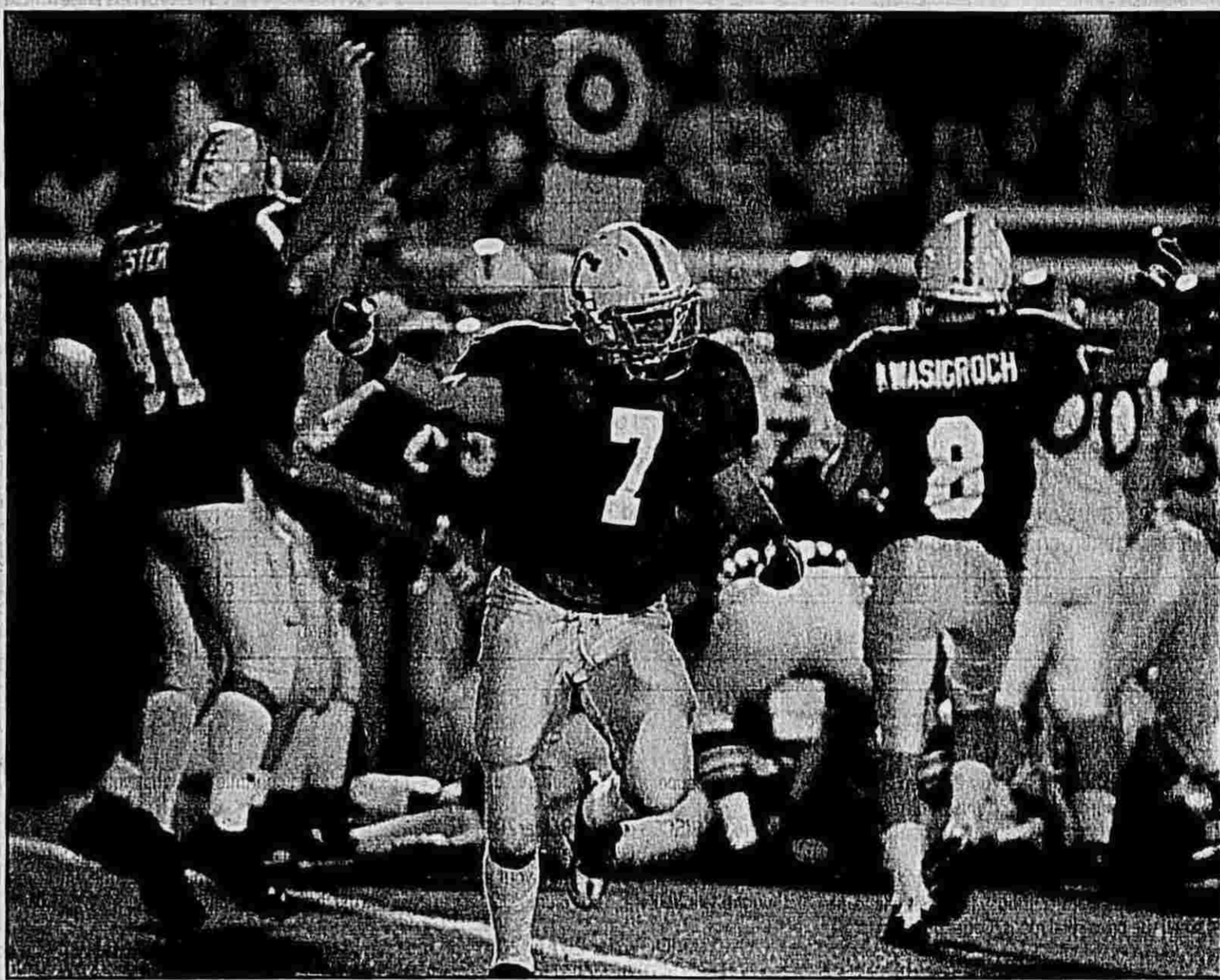
Final Record 10-3, defeated in IHSA Class 7A semifinals

This was supposed to be a down year. This was supposed to be the actual "rebuilding" year after Carmel lost nine of its 11 offensive starters. Well, earth was "supposed" to be the center of the universe too.

Before the season began, Corsair coach Andy Bitto was asked whether this would be a rare down year for Carmel.

"I wouldn't agree with that at all," Bitto said. "I think we've got a lot of talent this year. We may not score as many points as we have in the past, but our defense is very tough."

As it turned out, Bitto was right on the money. Carmel's offense had plenty of power from quarterback



Annie Christie file photo - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Carmel's Chris Salvi reacts to a play against Libertyville. Carmel won 9-6 against nonconference rival Libertyville.

David Venegoni, but the Corsair defense was legendary.

Carmel came within one game of making a trip to the IHSA Class 7A state finals, but the ride would end with a 17-7 loss to Lake Zurich.

Grant Bulldogs

Final Record: 10-1, defeated in IHSA Class 6A second round

Before the season, the Bulldogs knew they had a special team. But did they know it would be this special?

Grant blazed through the regular season, ending at 9-0 with a North Suburban Conference Prairie Division championship. With

the Bulldogs' first playoff win, a victory 24-3 win over Chicago-Simeon, they made school history.

Not only did the Bulldogs win just their second playoff win in school history, they also had their first 10-win season - ever.

"No Grant team has ever won 10 games in a single season," Grant coach Kurt Rous said.

It wouldn't go any further than 10 wins, but the 2007 Bulldogs will go down in Grant lore.

Best turnaround

Wauconda Bulldogs

2006 Record: 4-5; 2007 record: 7-2

After spending years in the base-

ment of the NSC-

Prairie, Wauconda rose like a phoenix from the ashes in 2007. From 2002 to 2004, the team went 1-26, and they won only seven games between the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

This year, it was a different story.

Fueled by running back Brad Wisniewski, Wauconda made its first postseason run in nearly a decade. While the postseason would be short-lived for the Bulldogs, their meteoric rise was one of the best ever.

"This was a special year," Wauconda coach Glen Kozlowski. "The last few years have been really difficult for us, but this year made it all worthwhile."



>> Football

Check who made the Lake County Journals cut

Offensive MVP: Brad Wisniewski - Wauconda running back

Four thousand. Let that number roll around in your head a bit and then you'll see what kind of career Brad Wisniewski had at Wauconda. Wisniewski truly was a "Wiz" as he racked up more than 4,200 yards during the course of his high school career, including 1,602 yards and 23 touchdowns this year. Wisniewski was the main focus of Wauconda's offense this year as he often carries the ball more than 40 times in a game. His efforts helped lead the team to its first playoff appearance in years and turned around a program that had just one win in 27 tries in the three seasons before his appearance.



Defensive MVP: Ryan Williams - Carmel safety

Ryan Williams is a name that Carmel fans should remember. With numbers like 128 tackles and 76 solo tackles, Williams demanded respect.

On a talented team that was known for its defense, Williams stood head and shoulders above everyone else as he led in both tackles and solo tackles. In addition to his stopping prowess, he also was able to catch two interceptions and recovered one fumble. He also was named as the East Suburban Catholic Conference's co-Defensive Player of the Year and a IHSA Class 7A all-state selection.



To see the rest of the Lake County Journals All-Area Team, see page 8B.

QuickHitters



Clay Henricksen

Clay Henricksen - Grayslake North

It took only four games for the Grayslake North to surpass last year's win total with two victories, and Clay Henricksen was a big part of it. Henricksen scored 20 points, in a 43-37 win over Marengo in the Richmond-Johnsburg Tournament.



Tori Ziegler

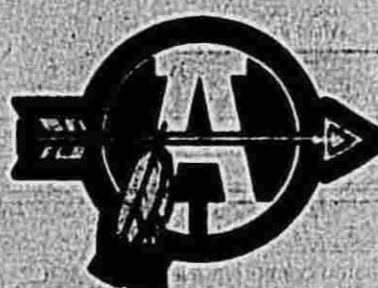
Tori Ziegler - Grant

If anyone thought this would be a down year for the Grant girls, perhaps it's time to reassess that opinion.

Grant's Tori Ziegler dropped 21 points in a 17-point blowout over Deerfield last weekend.

To nominate a student athlete for Quick Hitters, please send submissions to Daniel J. Patrick at dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com.

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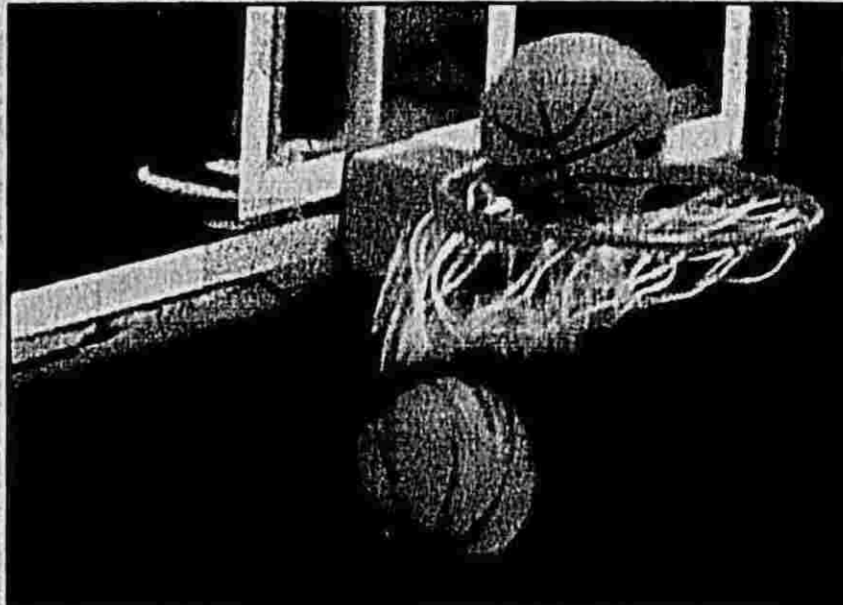


Antioch Sequoias

What: Boys basketball
Where: Grant Community High School
When: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30

After a weekend of tournament, boys basketball conference season is here and there's nothing better than a good, old fashioned conference matchup. This Friday, two North Suburban Conference Prairie Division foes go at it as Antioch and Grant tip off the conference season on Grant's homecourt.






Swish into basketball



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Basketballs swish through a net. But that's the point, isn't it? With the beginning of the 2007-08 basketball season, athletes from all around the area are ready to hit a few shots of their own. Check out this year's Alley oop! high school basketball guide to get the latest scoop on 18 Lake County teams.

WEEKLY PLANNER

TEAM	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
			N.Y. GIANTS 3:15 p.m. FOX, AM-780				at Washington 7:15 p.m. NFLN, AM-780
	PHOENIX 7:30 p.m. CSN, AM-670	at St. Louis 7:30 p.m. CSN, AM-670				VANCOUVER 7:30 p.m. PPV, AM-670	
		CHARLOTTE 7:30 p.m. WGN, AM-1000		DALLAS 7:30 p.m. CSN, AM-1000		at Charlotte 7:30 p.m. CSN, AM-1000	
		IOWA 7 p.m. Comcast Local			SYRACUSE 7 p.m. Comcast Local		
	ORLANDO 7 p.m. AM-1200	at Orlando 7 p.m. AM-1200					

>> HometownSports

Youthful win

The Libertyville Boys Club Football program has been an instrumental program in youth football for 74 years. During that time, many future college and professional football players have prowled the fields of Butler Lake Park, but few have been as dominant as this season's Lightweight Traveling Team.

Under the direction of Head Coach John

Teichman, this year's squad finished the season with a perfect 14-0 record, winning The Chicagoland Youth Football League (TCYFL) Championship as well as the National Youth Football Championships in Daytona, Florida.

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Lake County Journals All-Area Football Team

Ray Bryant - Round Lake RB/S
This guy was easily one of the best running backs in the state as he finished with 1,423 total yards, 11 touchdowns and multiple 250-plus yard games. Bryant also played at the safety position.

Tommy Bychowski - Grant WR
Junior wide receiver Tommy Bychowski was a big part of Grant's success this season. Bychowski had eight touchdowns and caught 56 passes for 764 yards, good for 13.6 yards a catch.

Tom Hajnos - Warren LB
As an inside linebacker, Warren's Tom Hajnos had plenty of chances to make tackles. With a team-leading 113 tackles, it's seems that he made the best out of every one of those chances.

Richard Hayes - Lakes OL
This 6-foot-3, 275-pound lineman deserves to be noticed. Lakes senior Richard Hayes earned All-State recognition by making big holes and excellent pass blocking, which allowed Lakes almost 2,500 yards of total offense.

Greg Kennedy - Warren RB
Warren sophomore Greg Kennedy proved he is here to stay as he put up 1,144 total yards and scored 15 rushing touchdowns.

Bob Madlener - Grant DE
Linebacker Bob Madlener was able to make history when he recorded 17 tackles for losses.

Madlener's tackling ability was evident throughout the season as he racked up 58 tackles.

Davis Mills - Wauconda TE/LB
Wauconda tight end/linebacker Davis Mills set himself apart as a real leader. Mills led the team in tackles with 71 and he also caught 15 receptions on offense and five touchdowns.

Chris Salvi - Carmel S
Senior team captain Chris Salvi was a huge part of Carmel's heralded defensive unit. Salvi recorded 107 tackles, including 65 solo tackles, good for second on the team in both categories.

David Venegoni - Carmel QB
David Venegoni played like a warrior, leading the team with 1,055 yards and averaged 5.3 yards a carry. That, along with 19 touchdowns made him one of the area's leaders for rushing quarterbacks.

Cameron White - Antioch RB
Antioch running back Cameron White made an impression on NSC as he gained 1,166 yards on the ground for just 106 carries for an amazing 11.0 yards a carry.

Pavel Zurkowski - Grant QB
Grant Bulldogs quarterback Pavel Zurkowski had a steady arm as he completed 59.6-percent of his passes for 1,132 yards and 13 touchdowns, but his legs made him versatile. Zurkowski also was an impressive rusher as he rushed for 1,144 yards.

>> Upcoming Games

Thursday, Nov. 29

Girls Basketball
Antioch at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.
Lakes at Kenosha-St. Joseph, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Crystal Lake Central at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.
Wauconda at Grant, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30

Boys Basketball
Antioch at Grant, 7:30 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.

Wrestling
Antioch at Round Lake, 6 p.m.
Carmel, North Chicago at Lakes, 6 p.m.
Cary-Grove at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Boys Basketball
Carmel at Antioch, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Antioch at Round Lake, 3:30 p.m.
Grant at Wauconda, 2:30 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.
Lakes at North Chicago, 2:30 p.m.

Gymnastics
Lakes at Rolling Meadows, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wauconda at Elgin, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Boys Basketball
Dundee Crown at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.
Grant at Wauconda, 7 p.m.
Lakes at North Chicago, 7 p.m.
Round Lake at Antioch, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Wheeling at Grant, 7 p.m.



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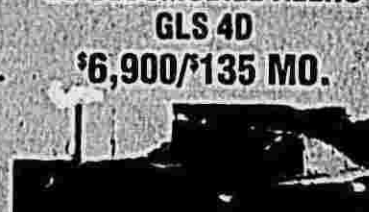
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>> Views

Fans patience for White Sox's general manager wears thin

Forget the signals sent by the leftover turkey in the fridge, the endless media stories about "Black Friday" and even the date on the calendar.

The best way to tell that it is late November comes in the fact that Kenny Williams is again instructing White Sox fans to sit tight and be patient.

With baseball's winter meetings fast approaching, he again is telling them that his Opening Day roster is far from being set, but that once it is completed, his South Side group will compete for another World Series title. We can accuse the Sox general manager of a lot of things, but missing a keen sense of holiday tradition isn't one of them.

Still, count this as a ritual that is spoiling faster than grandma's deviled eggs. Yes, Williams' confident secrecy

and his furious wheeling-and-dealing used to be fun. Guessing which of the many possible paths he might take was an entertaining way to spend the first cold of winter.

But after the first few moves (or non-moves) of this off-season, it has become difficult to discern a possible method to his madness. Only two years after legitimizing his approach with a World Series title, Williams is rightfully back under a cloud of pressure and doubt. He has passed the point where he can reasonably expect Sox fans to believe that everything will be OK by next season's first pitch.

Is it possible that Williams could make good on his promise and field a winner in 2008?

Sure. His dealings before '05 proved that, even though it took a career year from the recently jettisoned Scott



Kevin Kaduk

Podsednik and unnecessary smear campaigns directed toward Carlos Lee and Magglio Ordonez, two players who were far from being clubhouse drags, as the Sox tried to portray them.

Both sluggers have since shown that the characterizations were unfair.

Regardless, winning Chicago's first World Series since 1917 elevated Williams past the easy mark reputation that had been assigned to him in Michael Lewis' "Moneyball." It also bought him the benefit of the doubt for a few seasons thereafter.

But with only one playoff appearance in seven seasons, the leeway granted to Williams after 2005 has been narrowed, if not eliminated completely. The Sox won only 72 games in '07, and a large part of the reason was the total collapse of a bullpen that Williams thought would be one of the team's best strengths. It also didn't help that Chris Young, who was traded to Arizona for Javier Vazquez after '05, blossomed into a star for the Diamondbacks, or that the GM's stockpile of young pitching talent didn't produce a single breakout performance.

Today, those shortcomings by Williams have been magnified by an inauspicious start to the rebuilding process. First, pitcher Jon Garland was traded to the Angels for shortstop Orlando Cabrera,

which might have been a good deal if not for the five-year age difference between the two (Garland is 28, Cabrera is 33) and the fact that Cabrera has only one year left on his contract.

Then the Angels signed Torii Hunter to a late-night deal, stealing away Williams' most coveted free agent by offering \$18 million more than the Sox. Williams' off-season plan has been thrown into flux, and the center field conundrum might only be solved by offering Aaron Rowand too much money for a return to his beloved Chicago.

If he wants to restore a little fan faith, Williams will have to make significant progress either before or at the winter meetings, which begin Dec. 3 in Nashville, Tenn. The first good move would be clarifying the crowded situation on the left side of

the infield, where both Joe Crede and Josh Fields can lay claim to third base while Cabrera and Juan Uribe are standing at shortstop.

It also would be nice to hear an explanation of why middle reliever Scott Linebrink is worth a reported four-year, \$19 million contract, especially when Williams has seen several relievers fall by the wayside the past two seasons.

While it's worth noting that Williams isn't solely at fault for the quick fall of the South Side franchise, owner Jerry Reinsdorf hasn't increased the team's spending, and manager Ozzie Guillen also shoulders blame for the on-field product — this part of the year is the general manager's responsibility. As such, it would be nice to hear about some construction instead of another instruction.

Sit tight?
Not this year, Kenny.

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>> BoysBasketball Grant keeps winning

By STEVE PETERSON
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JOHNSBURG — Some known factors and some unknown quantities helped Grant jump-start its basketball season with two wins.

Seniors Mike Shields and Marc Grischeau were known talents going into the season, as well as junior Curtis Oler's hot shooting. But some defense and rebounding by all and 13 points from junior Gilbert Sheehan helped the Bulldogs start 2-0 at the Richmond-Burton-Johnsburg Thanksgiving tournament.

"We came out with a great amount of intensity and were able to pressure them," Grant coach Phil Ralston said. "I also thought that we did a phenomenal job of rebounding, against a taller Marengo team."

The 64-46 win over Marengo gave Grant two 60-plus efforts, as they downed Marian Central 65-59.

Grischeau led the way in the season opener with 26 points against Marian Central. Shields nearly had a triple double, with 14 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists. Oler had 13 points and six rebounds.

Shields scored 25 against Marengo, but also had strong rebounding and steals effort. Oler had 14 points and Grischeau 8 against Marengo.

Grant 56, Johnsburg 52: Shields scored an amazing 34 points for a career high, contributed blocked shots and assists as well, as the Bulldogs turned back a 56-52 over Johnsburg.

Shields hit five three-pointers, but more amazing, he was able to block the shots of 6-foot-7 C.J. Fiedorowicz, or at least alter them.

"When I go to block a shot, I prefer to do it when they're not looking," Shields said.

Grant led 48-42 on a layup by Shields, but the Skyhawks responded to take a 49-48 lead. Shields gained a tie for Grant at 49, with four minutes left, and the Bulldogs were able to prevail.

The win put the Bulldogs in the tournament finale for the second straight year, where they beat Wauconda 55-53 to be the weekend champions.

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By LESLIE GLAZIER-WERNER

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Owner Dean Sjog said he started Merit Building Supply 14 years ago with the goal of "making service a huge aspect of the company." As a result, the company has specialists on staff dedicated to making sure your particular project is a success.

For example, considering a new kitchen or bathroom? Schedule a free design consultation with Merit's cabinet design specialist, Linette. Planning on replacing those windows? Consult with a Merit window specialist. Then rest easy knowing

that the company's in-house window installation specialists will complete the job. Dean also noted that the company has a fully staffed service department to handle any repairs.

Many of the company's products are on display in its 2,000 square foot showroom, so you can inspect your selections before you buy.

There's also a full design center for kitchen and bath projects, as well as a showroom displaying high quality faucets and shower fixtures.

As part of Merit's emphasis on service, Dean added that his company makes every effort to

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educate the consumer on how to avoid home improvement scams. Instead, they try to point the customer in the right direction during every phase of a project. He said they also recommend reputable contractors. "A lot of people come here for our experience," Dean noted. That, plus warehouse-direct pricing, make Merit Building Supply the smart place to shop for your home improvement needs.

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According to Mary Caraccioli, financial expert and multi-Emmy Award-winning host and executive producer of "Money Matters Today" on CN8, The Comcast Network, anyone can make green choices while minding their bottom line. Caraccioli offers five easy ways to make a difference:

1. Rethink your trash: Make a conscious effort to reduce your garbage and increase your recyclables. "Everything should not be destined for the trash can," says Caraccioli. "Help reduce the mountains of material headed for the landfill by donating toys,

clothes, old computers, cell phones and extra food to charities." The remaining "trash" can then be sorted and recycled where applicable. "I recently discovered that Hewlett Packard recycles old printer ink cartridges," she offers. "When you purchase new cartridges, the company includes mailing labels to send back the empty cartridges at no cost to the consumer."

2. Plan your meals: Reduce costly impulse purchases by creating a list of your week's meals before heading to the supermarket. This limits impulse buys and saves money.

By purchasing the right amount of food, you won't have to throw out extras that spoil. "By targeting my shopping, I found I could splurge on organic, locally grown fruits and veggies and still spend less," Caraccioli says.

3. Aim low: "All of your meals do not have to feature meat or fish," Caraccioli sug-

gests. "Foods lower on the food chain such as fruits, veggies and grains, require fewer resources and can help you stay trim and healthy." Try to replace one or two meals a week with cost-conscious alternatives full of fruits and vegetables and see the positive impact on your grocery bill and waistline.

4. Trim the paper trail: Reduce the environmental impact of your paper usage by purchasing recycled office paper. "I have tried Dymitar EarthChoice paper," says Caraccioli. "You can get it at most big office supply stores or online. I also print on both sides of the paper, it really cuts consumption and keeps costs down." Of course recycling used paper is also important. Take the lead on recycling, not just at home - but at the office too.

5. Don't waste money on "green" posers: The word "green" has become a great marketing slogan for all types of businesses. Some are legitimate,

others are cashing in on the eco-friendly trend but do not offer any real benefit to reducing carbon emissions. "By understanding what CO2 is and what it means to go 'carbon neutral' you will be better able to spot great ideas for going green," Caraccioli offers. "Get the scoop on how CO2 is lowered by visiting www.carboncounter.org."

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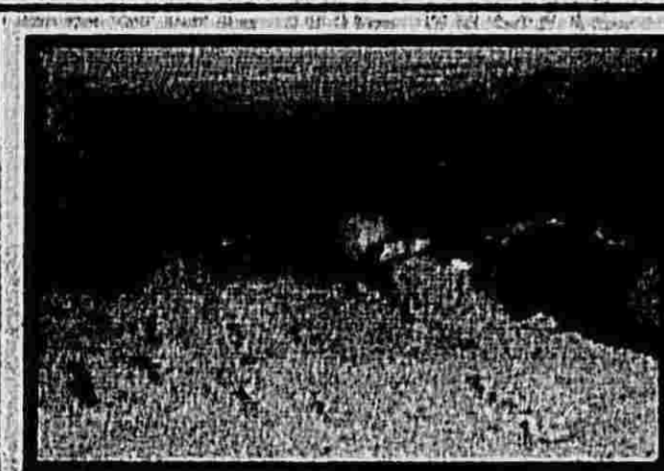
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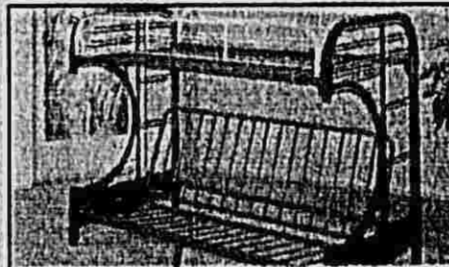
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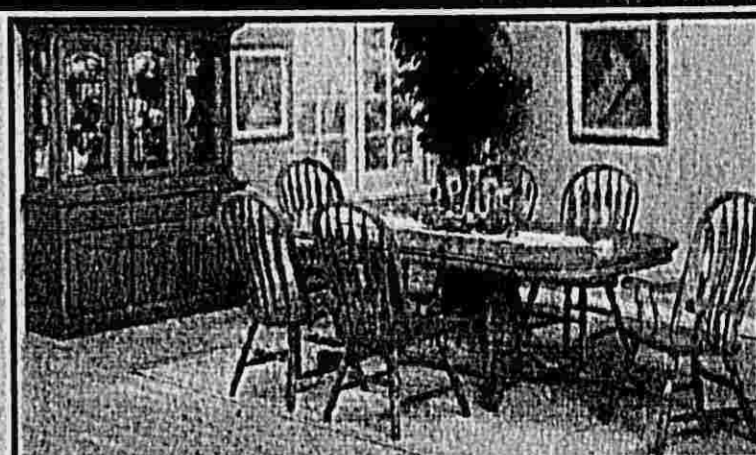


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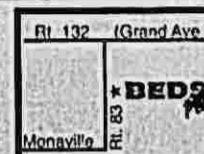


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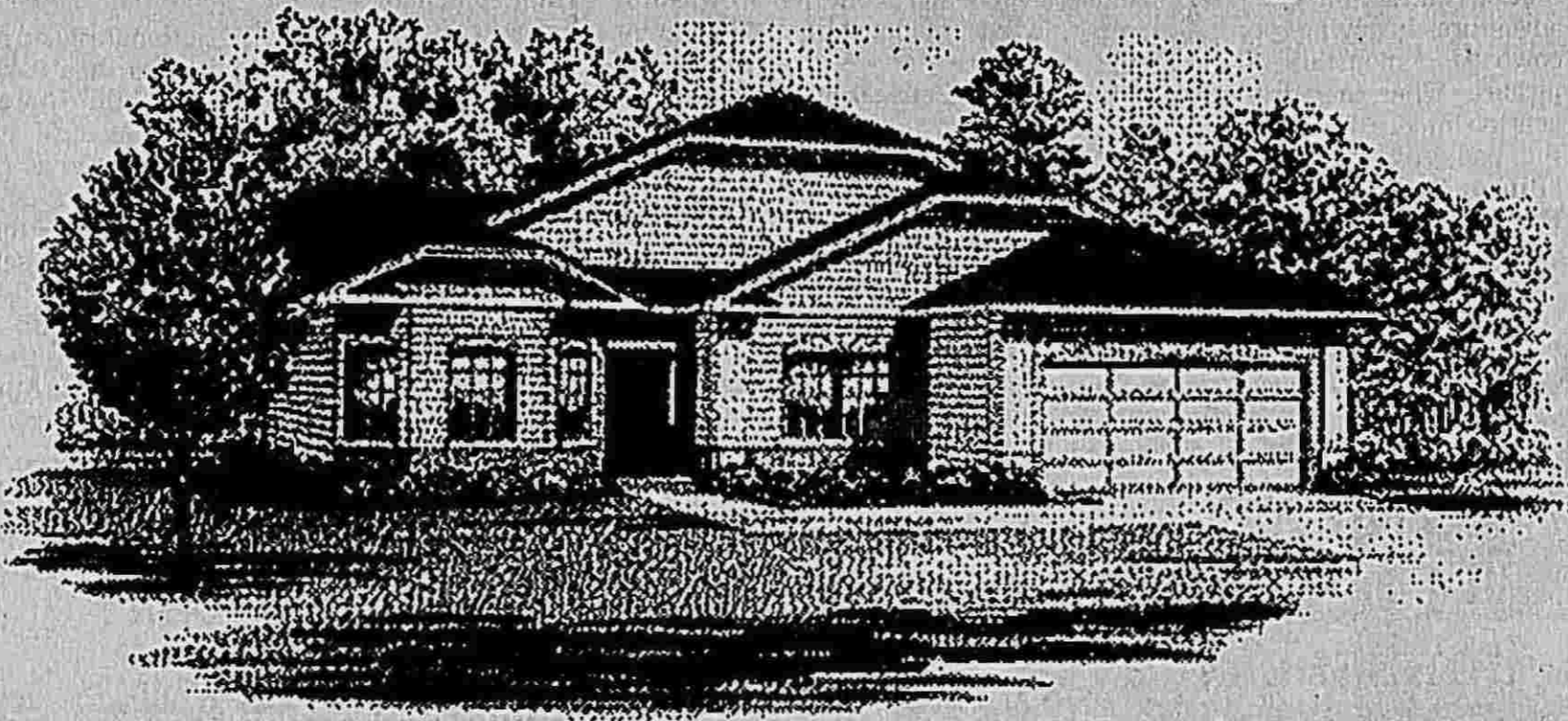
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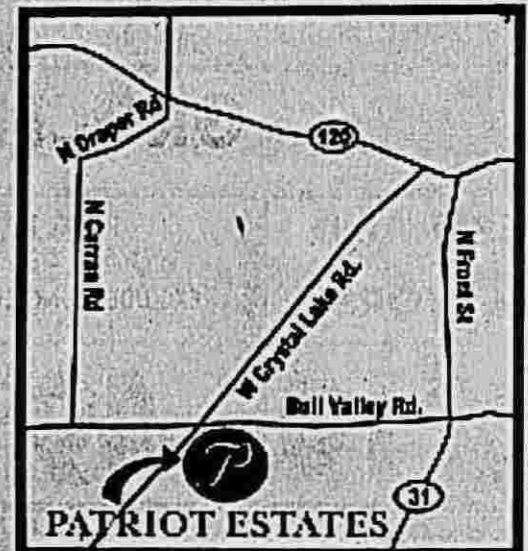
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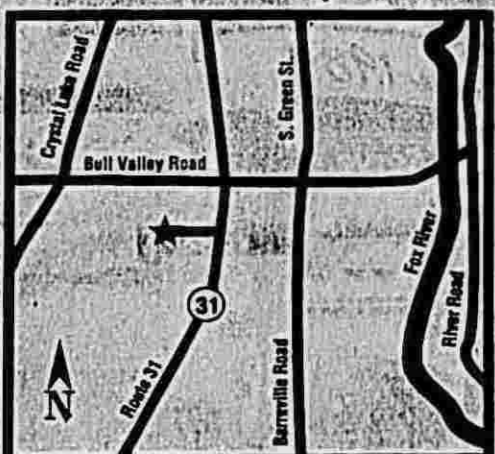
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The Big Read at Fremont Public Library

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Fremont Public Library a grant to host Big Read celebrations in 2008. Friends of the Fremont Public Library also are supporting the library's Big Read project. The selected community read is "My Antonia" by Willa Cather.

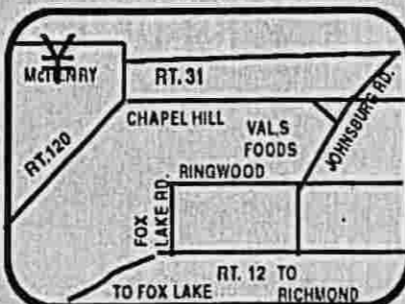
A kick-off celebration will be held on Monday, April 14, 2008. Noted actress and Cather scholar Betty Jean Steinsouer will perform her

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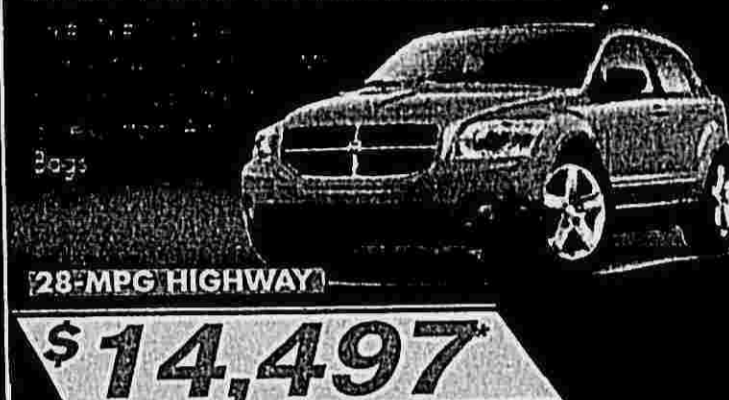


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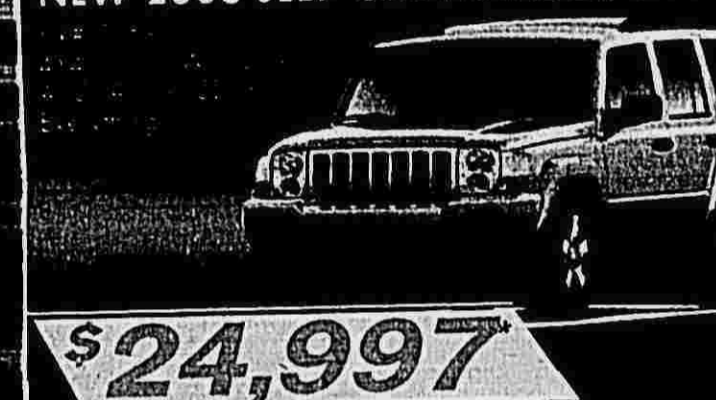
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PIN: 10-25-111-014

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The Judgment amount
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On October 17, 2007, Educational Media Foundation (EMF) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for authority to construct and operate a new Class A FM broadcast station to serve Round Lake Beach, Illinois. The Executive Officers and Board of Directors of EMF are: K. Richard Jenkins, Leslie Marquard, Darrell Chambliss, Emil J. Kallina II, Dan Antonelli, Larry Moody, David Ferry, Mitch Barnhart, Michael Novak, William C. Lyons, Rick Rohling, Joseph Miller, Jon Taylor, Keith Whipple, and Virginia Walker. The facility will operate on Channel 206 with an effective radiated power of 1.9 kilowatts. The station's transmitter will be located in Grayslake, Lake County, Illinois with an antenna height above average terrain of 34 meters. A copy of the application and related materials are on file for public inspection at the Round Lake Area Public Library, 906 Hart Road, Round Lake, Illinois 60073 during regular business hours. (Published in the *Round Lake Journal*, November 15, 22 & 29, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHEENRY COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROL J. HILL, Deceased

Case No. 07 PR 344 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of CAROL J. HILL of FOX LAKE, IL

Letters of office were issued on 11/1/2007 to Representative: JAY T. HILL, W311 CIRCLE DR, GENOA CITY, WI 53128 whose attorney is WILLIAM ELMAN, 100 S. AYER ST, SUITE E, HAVARD, IL 60033.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from

the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred. Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court at the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois 60093, or with the representative, or both. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

/s/ Vernon W. Kays, Jr. Clerk of the Circuit Court (Published in the *Fox Lake Journal*, November 15, 22, 29, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Publication Summons

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT KENOSHA COUNTY

AURORA HEALTH CARE SOUTHERN LAKES INC DBA AURORA MEDICAL CENTER-KENOSHA PO BOX 343910 MILWAUKEE, WI 53234 Plaintiff,

VS. ROBERT C. JEFFERS, 5250 GRAND AVE, STE 14, GURNEE, IL 60031 Defendant.

Case No. 07CV1699 HON. David M. Bastanelli Case Classification Code No.: 30301

STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within forty-five (45) days after November 30th 2007, you must respond with a written answer as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 912 Fifty-Sixth Street, Kenosha, WI 53140, and to the offices of Heuer Law Offices, S.C., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 744 North Fourth Street, Suite 450, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within forty-five (45) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be in correct in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

20th day of November, 2007

We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector.

PUBLIC NOTICE

/s/ Jonathan D. McCollister (State Bar #1037740) Attorney for Plaintiff Heuer Law Offices, S.C. 744 N. 4th St., #460 Milwaukee, WI 53203 Phone: (414) 224-3500 (Published in the *Gurnee/Wadsworth*, November 29, December 6, 13, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held by the Board of Library Trustees of the Fox Lake Public Library District, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois (the "District"), on the 7th day of January, 2008, at 7:30 P.M., at the Fox Lake District Library Building, 255 East Grand Avenue, Fox Lake, Illinois, for the purpose of determining the financing to enable the District to erect a new building to be used as a library, furnish necessary equipment, and/or acquire library materials and electronic data storage and retrieval facilities in connection therewith and demolish the existing Fox Lake District Library Building (the "Project"), and it is estimated that the Project will cost \$15,573,590 and that said amount shall be raised by the issuance of \$14,075,000 Library Bonds of the District, which Bonds shall be required over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of said Bonds, and by the use of \$473,000 interest earnings estimated to be derived from the investment of the proceeds of said Bonds and \$125,590 of funds on hand and legally available therefor, and that the plans and cost estimates for the Project are available for public inspection at the Fox Lake District Library Building, 255 East Grand Avenue, Fox Lake, Illinois, DATED this 26th day of November, 2007.

conducting or transacting business: Roque Tellez, 25 Beachview Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-714-5335

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/s/ Roque Tellez November 13, 2007 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13 day of November, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez Notary Public

Received: November 13, 2007 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk (Published in the *Lake County Journals*, November 22, 29 & December 6, 2007.)

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Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 811 Ridge Ave, Wauconda, IL 60084, 847-487-8870

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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Pamela J. Gavin
Notary Public

Received:
November 16, 2007
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
(Published in the Lake
County Journals, Novem-
ber 29, December 6 & 13,
2007.)

all of sports items (col-
lectibles, clothing, etc.)
Address(es) where busi-
ness is to be conducted or
transacted in this county:
719 Grand Blvd., Wau-
conda, IL 60084, 847-
602-6966

Name(s) and post office
or residence address(es)
of the person(s) owning,
conducting or transacting
business:
Kathleen McCarthy, 719
Grand Blvd., Wauconda,
IL 60084, 847-602-6966
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
KATE'S INNOVATIVE
SPORTS SPECIALTIES
Nature/Purpose:
On-line home based re-

This is to certify that the
undersigned (Intend(s)) to
conduct the above named
business from the location

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Regional Transportation Authority Hearings on
the 2008 Proposed Operating and
Capital Program Budget.**

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will hold public hearings on its proposed Five-Year Program for 2008-2013 (January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2013) and Annual Program and Budget for 2008.

Any person may present views orally at the hearings or by submitting written material at any time, no later than the close of business on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Copies of the proposed Five-Year Program for 2008-2013 and the Annual Program and Budget for 2008 will be available for public inspection in the office of the RTA, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1550, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The document will be available at most public libraries as well as township, city and village offices in the six-county RTA region prior to the hearings.

Any person requiring special assistance, such as interpreter for the deaf, or another type of facilitator at those hearings, may call the RTA at (312) 913-3200 no later than Thursday, December 4, 2007 so that proper arrangements can be made.

Listed below are the locations and times of the Public Hearings scheduled to be held from December 6 through December 13, 2007.

CHICAGO

South:
Thursday, December 6th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sheldon High Church of Christ, Corner of 113th
and Halsted
Chicago

North:
Monday, December 10th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Loyola University Lakeshore Campus
(Auditorium); Kenmore & Sheridan
Chicago

Southwest:
Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Toman Public Library, 2708 S. Pulaski Rd.
Chicago

Central:
Thursday, December 6th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am
RTA Headquarters (Board Room), 175 W. Jackson
Blvd., Suite 1550
Chicago

West:
Thursday, December 13th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
National Teachers Academy, 55 W. Cermak
Chicago

SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

North:
Monday, December 10th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Pace Headquarters, Board Room, 550 W. Algonquin
Rd.
Arlington Heights

South:
Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
South Suburban Mayors & Managers, Meeting
Room C, 1904 W. 174th St.
East Hazel Crest

DUPEGE COUNTY

Thursday, December 6th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
DuPage County Building, Auditorium, 421 N. County
Farm Rd.
Wheaton

KANE COUNTY

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Kane County Building - Auditorium, 719 Batavia
Ave. (Route 31)
Genova

LAKE COUNTY

Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
University Center of Lake County, 1200 University
Center Drive
Grayslake

MCHEENRY COUNTY

Thursday, December 6th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Administration Building, 667 Ward Rd.
Woodstock

WILL COUNTY

Thursday, December 11th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Joliet Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St.
Joliet
(Published in the Grayslake Journal, November 29,
2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE
BRAC 05 REALIGNMENT AT THE PHILIP H.
SHERIDAN RESERVE CENTER,
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500), and 32 CFR 651 Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, the 88th Regional Readiness Command (RRC), located in Fort Snelling, MN and the Philip H. Sheridan Reserve Center (PHSRC), located in Lake County, IL ("Lake County"), conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with implementing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission recommendations in Lake County. The EA evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of one new facility related to implement the BRAC recommendations. Those facilities included in the proposed action analyzed in the EA are as follows:

An Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC) to accommodate Reserve units from Waukegan, IL, as well as any Army National Guard Readiness units that the state of Illinois may decide to relocate. The proposed action would provide a 400-member training facility with administrative, educational, assembly, library, learning center, vault, weapons simulator, and physical fitness areas. It would also provide an organizational maintenance shop and an unheated storage building; the maintenance shop would provide work bays and maintenance administrative support.

The EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will undergo a 30-day public comment period, from the date of this publication. This is in accordance with requirements specified in 32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions. Throughout this process, the public may obtain information and/or submit written comments on the proposed action and the EA and draft FNSI through the 88th RRC. For additional information, contact Lisa Gulbranson U.S. Army Reserve, (612) 713-3752. The mailing address is:

88th Regional Readiness Command,
ATTN: Lisa Gulbranson
506 Roeder Circle
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111
e-mail: lisa.gulbranson@us.army.mil

The EA and draft FNSI are available for review on the World Wide Web at: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsm/brac/05_ea_review.htm and at the following public libraries:

Highwood Public Library, 102 Highwood Ave.,
Highwood, IL 60040

Lake Forest Public Library, 360 E Deerpath Rd.,
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave.,
Highland Park, IL 60035
(Published in the Sunbury / Wadsworth Journal,
November 29/2007.)

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007, will be available for public inspection in the school district administrative office by December 1, 2007. Individuals wishing to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Round Lake Area School District 116 316 South Rosedale Court, Round Lake, Illinois 60071 847-270-8018
Address: 7145 pm - 4115 pm
Office hours

Also by January 15, 2008 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at "www.ilsbe.net."

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2007	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Bond & Interest	Transportation	Municipal Government Services	Gr & Construction	Working Cash	Rent	Fire Protection & Safety
Local Sources	1000	19,523,722	2,940,874	4,067,153	1,158,487	1,057,180	967,402	232,210	200,800
Fee-Through Sources	2500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	24,132,900	1,785,952	0	2,912,236	451,100	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	3,943,014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DIRECT RECLP FUND REVENUES		47,618,636	4,726,826	4,067,153	4,070,723	1,508,280	967,402	232,210	200,800
TOTAL DIRECT RECLP FUND EXPENDITURES		47,748,458	4,114,142	3,640,307	3,313,544	1,240,037	3,336,334	232,210	146,760
Other Financing Sources & Uses		2,300	0	0	0	0	897,010	0	0
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2006		5,553,997	693,007	3,134,181	2,817,004	549,877	18,969,872	6,200,343	321,080
Other Changes in Fund Balances		(710,908)	97,100	0	0	0	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2007		4,843,089	790,107	3,134,181	2,817,004	549,877	18,969,872	6,200,343	321,080

SALARY RANGE REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

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/s/ Kathleen McCarthy
November 8, 2007
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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Barbara J. Noster
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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: MUSTANG MARKETING SERVICES
Nature/Purpose: Marketing Promotions
Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 583 Yardley Trail, Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-980-6055
Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business: Daniel Sawchuk, 583 Yardley Trail, Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-980-6055
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This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Daniel Sawchuk
November 13, 2007
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13 day of November, 2007.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Jennifer Ann Marquez
Notary Public
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: TASTY TIDBITS
Nature/Purpose: Custom Candy
Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 786 Cameron Dr., Antioch, IL 60002, 847-603-1747
Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business: Bruce W. Hill, 786 Cameron Dr., Antioch, IL 60002, 847-603-1747
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Winners were as follows: 7 months to 1 year female: 1st place tie, Briana Allen and Lydia Dillon; 7 months to 1 year male: 1st William MacLean, 2nd Leonardo Melan, 3rd Luke Ellsworth; 2 to 3 year female: 1st Haley Amaya, 2nd Lilly Hinojosa, 3rd Nygia Noble; 2 to 3 year male: 1st Manuel Ovundo, 2nd Domingo Vargas, 3rd Edward Garcia; 4 to 5 female: 1st Sheila Gonzales, 2nd Lily MacLean, 3rd Noemi Padilla; 4 to 5 male: 1st James Wilson, 2nd Quincy Paddock, 3rd Jean-Carlos Mendoza; 6 to 7 female: 1st Zora Clemens, 2nd Denise Garza, 3rd Jasmin Martell; 6 to 7 male: 1st Bradley Cherry, 2nd Nathan MacLean, 3rd Deonte Walls; 8 to 10 female: 1st Joslyn Navarro, 2nd Tatianne Miller, 3rd Yoland Trujillo; 8 to 10 male: 1st Jacob Martinez, 2nd Ryan LaForge, 3rd Rudy Rodriguez; 11

to 14 female: 1st Rosalina Trujillo, 2nd Emma Spencer, 3rd Kaleyah Walls; 11 to 14 male: 1st Martin Martinez, 2nd Juah Callyado, 3rd Jose Rodriguez; 15 to 17 female: 1st Alyssa Martinez; 15 to 17 male: 1st Matt LaForge, 2nd Jake Hanson, 3rd Michael Bennet; 18 to 23 female: 1st Tasia Walls; 24 to 29 female: 1st Molly Adorian, 2nd Amilia Selmes, 3rd Arica Conkle; 24 to 29 male: 1st Gil Hinojosa; 30 to 39 female: 1st Martha Sostre, 2nd Rita Benavides; 30 to 39 male: 1st Juan Orckina, 2nd Ian Nichols; 40 to 49 female: 1st Judy Holmes; 40 to 49 male: 1st Jim Turner; 50 to 59 female: 1st Cass O'Keefe, 2nd Orise Crump; 50 to 59 male: 1st Pat O'Keefe, 2nd Stephen Opalka, 3rd Richard Miller; 60 and up: 1st David Meyers.

Highland Middle School celebrates the season in international way

The Highland Middle School Foreign Language department in Libertyville will be keeping students busy during November and December by honoring special holiday celebrations in France and Mexico.

On Dec. 6, the seventh and eighth grade French classes will be celebrating the holiday of Saint Nicolas, a French holiday for children. "Good" children traditionally receive a toy or a treat on this day. The surprise is placed in the children's shoes. The "bad" children receive a scolding from "Père Fouettard." The holiday will be celebrated at 9:03-9:43 a.m., 10:31-11:55 a.m., 12:43-2:07 p.m. and from 2:55-3:35 p.m.

On Dec. 21, seventh and eighth grade French classes will celebrate the Christmas

season French-style. They will taste Bûche de Noël, a traditional French cake. During this time, we will discuss the importance of religion and the diverse religious populations in France. The celebration will occur at 9:03-9:43 a.m., 10:31-11:55 a.m., 12:43-2:07 p.m. and from 2:55-3:35 p.m.

On Dec. 21, the seventh grade Spanish students will be making Ojos de Dios (God's Eyes) throughout the day. On Dec. 19 and 20, seventh grade students will be decorating shoes to leave out for the Three Wise Men (los Tres Reyes). The Kings will visit the Spanish-speaking world (and Spanish classrooms) the evening of Jan. 7 for the students to discover upon their return to school on Jan. 8.

Highland Middle Schools'

concert orchestra will perform in the 2007 Libertyville High School Junior High Orchestra Festival Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 28 in the Butler Lake Auditorium at Libertyville High School, 708 W. Park Ave.

This year the festival concert is titled "Dance, Dance Revolution." The Highland Middle School and LHS Orchestras will perform music to make you "want to dance." Libertyville's own maestro Art Price, former Libertyville Elementary District 70 music director, will be the guest conductor.

Tickets are \$1 for students and \$3 for adults. Tickets will be available at the door.

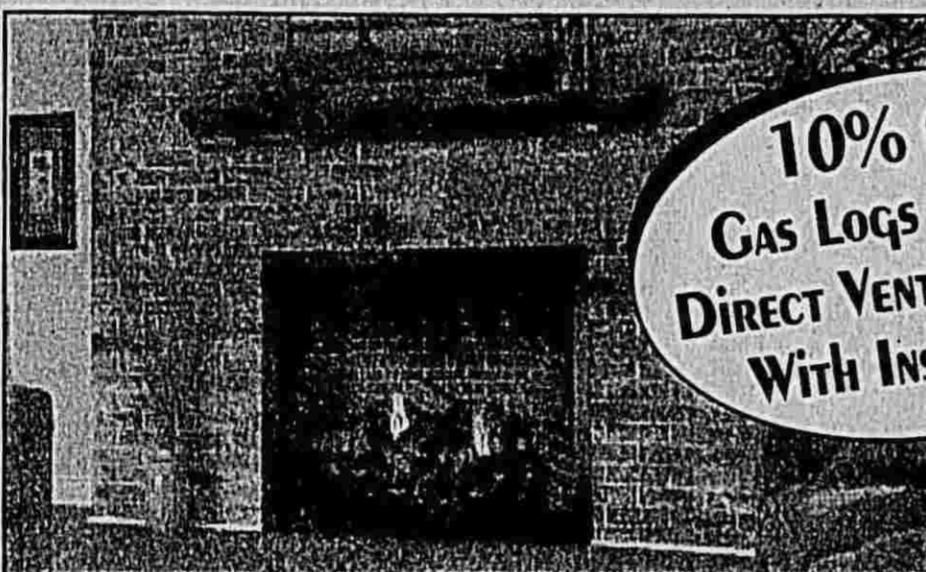
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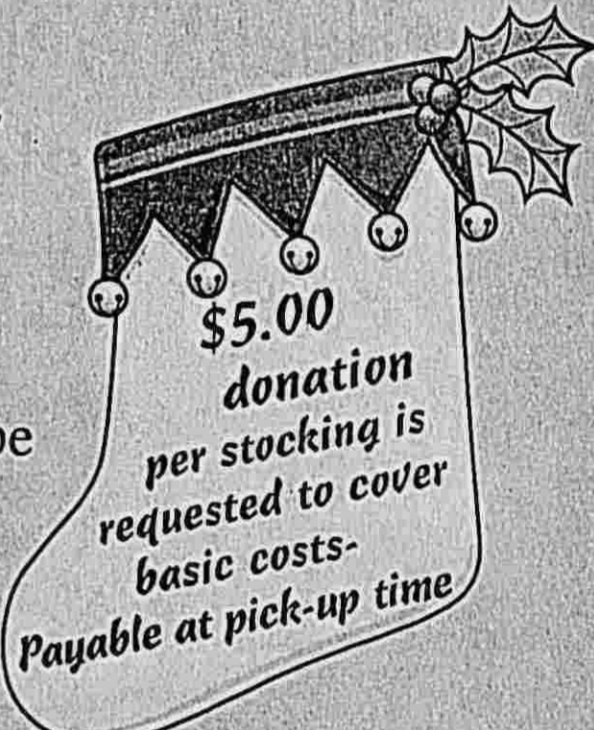
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In the girls game, we get to see silky-smooth outside shooting, creative passing and just about every skill polished to a fine shine.

Oh yes, basketball season is here.

From former players, to parents, to crazed students, to casual fans, there is plenty to see this winter.

Shooting, passing, dribbling, dunking, watch our area's prep artists paint mosaics of basketball glory on the floor.

It's time to marvel at their impressive skill.

But before we marvel at some of the god-given talent of our area's best, remember that every player's fantastic



Daniel J. Patrick

skill did not come from the heavens, but rather from countless hours of hard work.

Athleticism might come from genetics, but the willpower to concentrate, to give up summers comes from within these players.

Way back in my day, I had a daily curriculum of 500 shots a day in addition to constant open gyms and Amateur Athletic Union practice.

Overall, I averaged about eight hours of basketball a day. Only then did I become a so-so shot and only then did I become a so-so varsity center.

The other kids who "had it" spent even more time perfecting their skills, from ball control to shooting in order to become the best players they

could be.

Today, I still marvel at some of our area's best, college-bound players such as Warren's Sarah Boothe, and their seemingly miraculous skills.

But these skills were no miracle, instead, they came from the determination and sweat to become the best basketball players they can possibly be.

But that should never stop us from reveling in the fruits of their labor. These players have not only worked to better themselves, but to entertain all of us sitting on the sidelines.

They want us to cheer loud during every amazing play, even to heckle the ref on every bad call.

They want us to be there for them.

Oh yes, basketball season is here.

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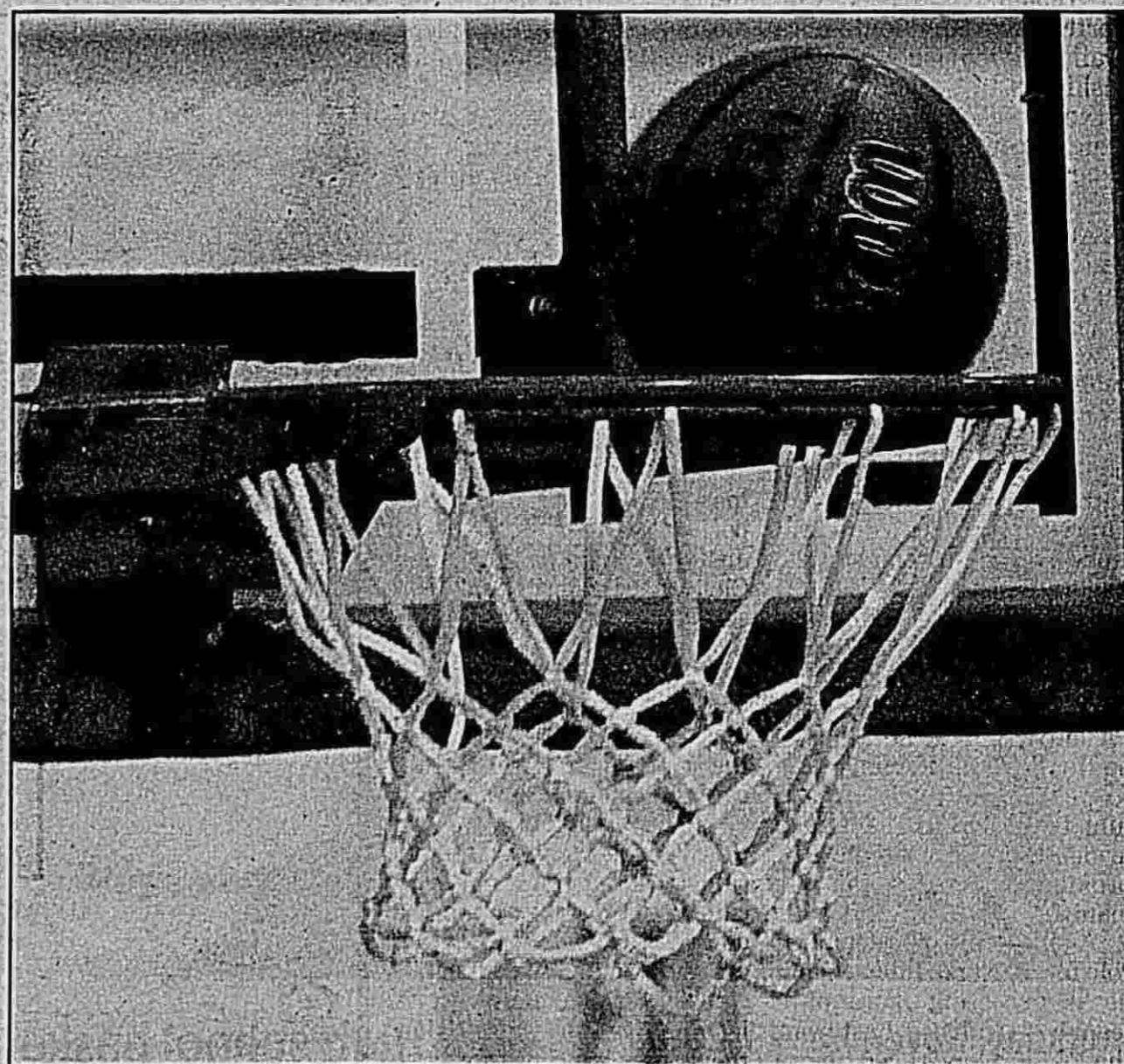
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"We may not have individual guys with 20-plus points, but you're going to see a lot of players get a lot of touches."

Brian Phelan
Lakes head coach

There's no I in Lakes' team

Lakes coach anticipates team-based offense

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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For the last few seasons, it's been a quick ascension to greatness for the Lakes Eagles. After popping up as a expansion team three years ago, the Eagles excelled last year with a 16-12 record.

Centered on guard Sean Hertz (18.1 points, 4 assists) and Chuck Kempf (15.2 points, 8.3 rebounds), Lakes won North Suburban Conference Prairie Division championship.

Now, with Hertz and Kempf gone, Lakes coach Brian Phelan must turn over a new leaf.

And one player he is turning to is swingman Kevin Guirand.

Guirand started as a sophomore and put up near double-double numbers last season. Overall, he averaged 9 points and 8 rebounds a game in a scheme that mostly had him with his back to the basket. This year, it will be a different story for the Guirand and the Eagles.

"Kevin's role is going to be much more outside than we've had him in the past, but he'll still play some post," Phelan said. "He's not going to be the third option anymore, so we're expecting a lot from him. I expect him to have good leadership, score points and provide the energy for our team."

Along with a revamped role for Guirand, Phelan said, he is expecting more of a team-based offense. Last year, the Eagles averaged more

Lakes Eagles

2006-07 Record: 16-12 (10-2 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 vs. Antioch

7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 vs. North Chicago

7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Vernon Hills

than 60 points a game with Hertz and Kempf shouldering most of the scoring duties. This year will be different for Lakes.

"We're going to play man-to-man defense, and we're going to score by committee," Phelan said. "I expect to see a lot of guys with points on the board. We may not have individual guys with 20-plus points, but you're going to see a lot of players get a lot of touches."

Expect players such as returnees Kevin Rice, Trey Williams and Dan Kalb to see most of the action on the perimeter. Junior guards Justin Hotle, Mike Scott and Chris Boehm also might get some quality minutes for Lakes.

But with so many guards on the new look Eagles, the one obstacle for Lakes will be the one thing that Phelan can't coach: height.

"Really, our only concern this year is height," Phelan said. "We've got a lot of dedicated hard workers, but we don't have as many post players as we've had in the past."

But Phelan and crew won't let that minor detail slow them down anytime soon.



Trey Williams, of Lakes, guards a player from Northridge Prep during the 2006 Grant Holiday Basketball Tournament in Fox Lake.

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ANTIOCH SEQUOITS



"We're going to be one of the most conditioned teams in the area."

Michael Skinner

Antioch head coach

New-look Sequoits set to run-and-gun

Antioch transitions to full-court press

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**
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One general rule for prep athletes is that they tend to look up to coaches that have been there and done that. In that case, Antioch's new-look Sequoits should have no problems at all. This year, Antioch has the services of new head coach Michael Skinner. Skinner is a former collegiate player who even spent time playing professionally. With his experience as a former player to guide him, Skinner should be a welcome addition.

"I'm excited about where we can take this team," Skinner said. "We've got a lot of work to do, but these kids are hard workers and I definitely think we can do some things this year."

Skinner replaces former coach Tom Duffy, who resigned after four years at the helm of the program. One thing that could limit the new regime back is the lack of returning starters.

With the loss of last season's entire starting backcourt, Skinner will probably spend most of his rookie season rebuilding from scratch. But his backcourt won't be the only problem as just three players are returning from the 2006-07 team.

Guards Lamarr Pottinger and Austin Grimm will join forward Kyle Kreutzer as the only returnees for this season. Skinner expects to use Pottinger as his top option.

Pottinger should live up to his new coach's expectations. The 5-foot-11 senior point guard is a three-sport athlete who spent time as wide receiver on the football team and also is a state-caliber hurdler for the track team. What does that add up to? A talented guard with good hands and speed to take most other area guards off the dribble.



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Lamarr Pottinger, of Antioch, focuses on his competitor during the triple-overtime game against Lakes last season.

"He's a good player, so I expect him to be our go-to guy this year," Skinner said. "We don't really have as much experience on our team as a lot of other teams, so to have a player like him should help us out a lot."

Grimm is a 5-foot-10 senior sharpshooter who should be considerable help to Pottinger in the backcourt. Below the basket, 6-foot-3 Kreutzer pos-

Antioch Sequoits

2006-07 Record: 6-22 (4-8 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

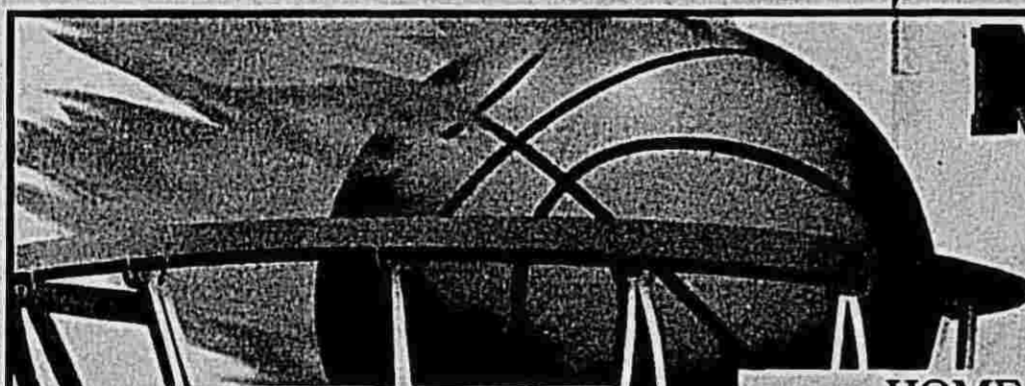
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7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Wauconda
7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Lakes
7 p.m. Feb. 19 vs. Libertyville

sesses the sort of height and speed that could also make him a threat.

One thing that will set the new Antioch regime apart from past years is Skinner's focus on speed. Skinner said his main defensive scheme will be a full-court press in hopes of creating more points off of turnovers and tiring out opponents.

"We're going to be one of the most conditioned teams in the area," Skinner said. "With a full court press, a lot of teams are going to have to really work to keep up with us and that should create a lot of turnovers for us."



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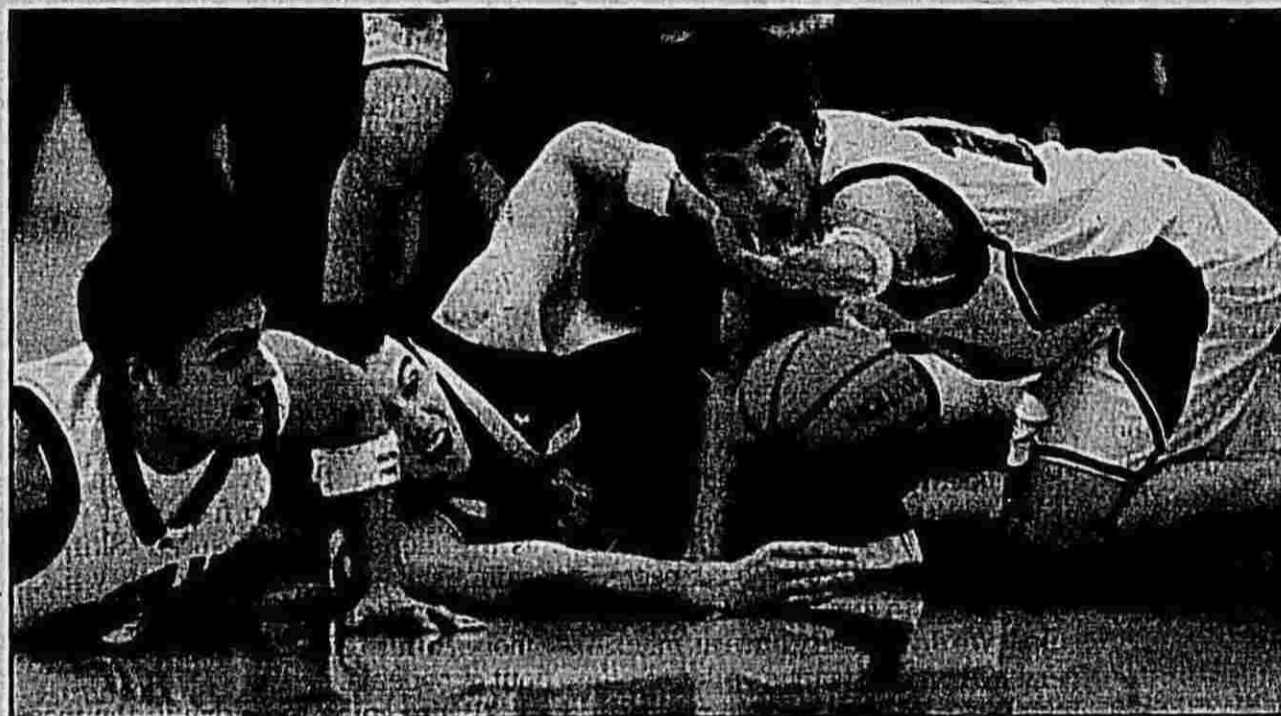
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"We're still going to be a bit young this year, but that shouldn't prevent us from doing anything. We have a talented group of players."

Tim Bowen
Grayslake Central head coach

Rams hope growing pains are done



Michael Davis, of Grayslake Central, reaches for the ball to try and gain control along with teammate Mauricio Galarza and Grayslake North opponent Josh Young during a game last season.

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Grayslake Central gains more experience in offseason

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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Grayslake Central Rams

2006-07 Record: 9-19 (5-5 in Fox Valley Conference Fox Division)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 4 vs. Dundee-Crown
7 p.m. Jan. 19 vs. Johnsburg
7 p.m. Feb. 16 vs. Grayslake North

Growing pains, expected as they might be, are hard after losing a talented class. Last year, the Grayslake Central Rams had plenty of pains after losing the core of a team that put up 20 wins in 2005-06.

Now, after a difficult 9-19 campaign last year, the Rams will try to turn the page. With a young, but talented group of returnees, Grayslake Central could be a threat in the Fox Valley Conference Fox Division.

"We definitely took our lumps last season, but that was part of the growing process," eighth-year Grayslake Central coach Tim Bowen said. "We lost a lot of close games last year and with that kind of experience we should be able to get a lot of wins this year that we couldn't before."

Sophomore Andrew Sipes along with juniors Alex Anderson and Mike Brumm should be the nucleus of this year's team. Last year, Anderson put up the biggest numbers with about 14 points per game while the Rams got 10 points per game from Brumm and Sipes.

"We're still going to be a bit young this year, but that shouldn't prevent us from doing anything," Bowen said. "We have a talented group of players."

While underclassmen could get a lot of the scoring, there are plenty of senior leaders putting on Ram uniforms this year. Michael Davis, Jared Zygmunt and Pete Toth will all be getting significant minutes this season. Davis will be a

guard while Zygmunt and Toth are both forwards.

"Last year, a lot of our guys were just learning what varsity basketball was all about. After going through that, I think we're going to be a much better team with that sort of experience under their belt," Bowen said.

While most teams are optimistic at this point of the season, Bowen has a few numbers that have fueled his optimism. Over the course of the summer, the Rams competed in team tournaments all around the area. Overall, his team put up a 48-14 record, including numerous wins over some of the most powerful teams in Lake and McHenry counties.

"We had a great offseason; the kids did a lot of work," Bowen said. "Between the team camps and a lot of weightroom work, I think the guys are much tougher individually than they ever were last year."

Bowen said he is excited about first-year varsity players like Kevin O'Rourke and sophomore Josh Rapport. O'Rourke is the quarterback of the football team, while Rapport has the potential to be a talented scorer.

"We're going to be a much better team this year," Bowen said. "If we can keep it all together, this should be a good year."

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"The goals are pretty much the same as we have had in the past - to win our two tournaments, the division, and regional."

Phil Ralston
Grant head coach

Strong coaching propels Grant

High-powered offense sets up Bulldogs for playoff run

By STEVE PETERSON
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Grant boys basketball players don't have to go far to find motivation this season.

Sitting next to them on the bench will be coaches Lee Oler and Wayne Bosworth, runner-up and school scoring champions, respectively. Head coach Phil Ralston said that with two hometown scoring gurus by his side, this could be an interesting year for the Bulldog offense.

Seniors Mike Shields and Marc Grischeau, and junior Curtis Oler, Lee's son.

Ralston is especially excited about Lee joining the staff.

"He has Division I experience [from playing with the Wisconsin Badgers]. It would be foolish not to look at his knowledge," Ralston said.

As for the current players, there also is plenty to be excited about in Fox Lake. After implementing a new offensive scheme in 2006-07, the Bulldogs should be well ahead of the learning curve for this season.

"This is the second year of the offense, so everyone pretty much understands their roles," Ralston said.



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Grant's Marc Grischeau jumps for a shot during a game against Johnsburg last year.

"The goals are pretty much the same as we have had in the past - to win our two tournaments, the division, and regional. The boys did a great deal of work in the summer and fall leagues."

Shields, 6-foot-1, is back as the starting point guard. He should be the biggest scoring threat for the

Grant Bulldogs

2006-07 Record: 15-12 (5-7 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 vs. Lakes
7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Antioch
7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Vernon Hills

Bulldogs, as he averaged 16 points a game last year.

Another solid scoring option is Curtis, who returns after averaging 8 points per game last year.

Ralston said he also "expects great things" from Grischeau.

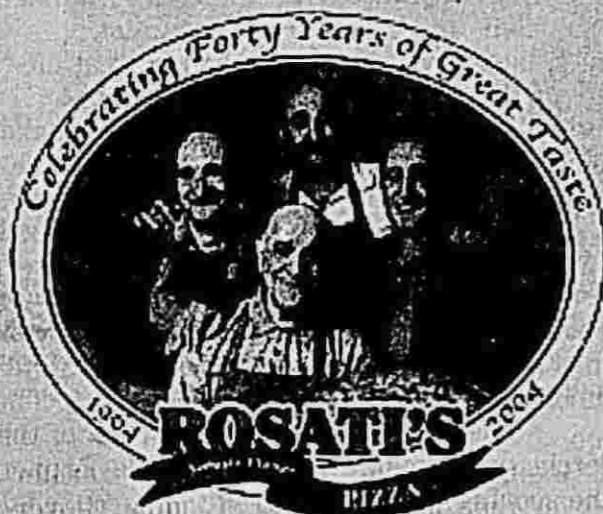
"We are so deep this year, that the other two spots could be two different guys each night," he said. "If we need to spell the top players for a minute or two, we can, and they won't be tired in the fourth quarter."

Grant began its season, Ralston's eighth, Nov. 20 at the Johnsburg portion of the Richmond-Johnsburg Thanksgiving tournament.

"We like our chances in that bracket, but we will have a target on our backs after winning it last year," Ralston said.

Grant will host its own Christmas tournament this year, which it won last year. The tournament starts Saturday, Dec. 22, and concludes with the tournament championship a week later.

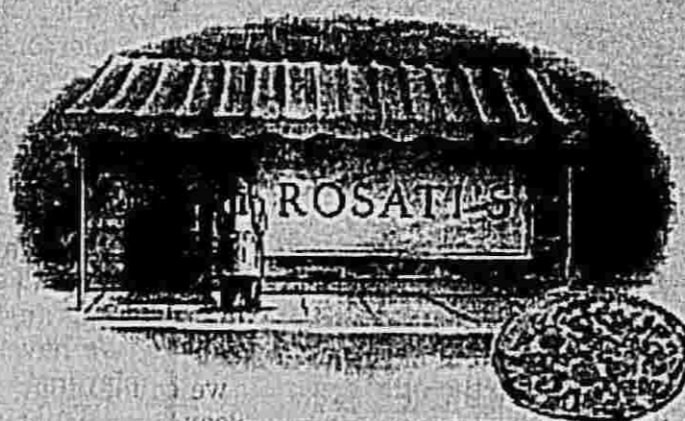
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GRAYSLAKE NORTH KNIGHTS



"We're definitely a lot deeper than we were last year. I think we have a lot more talent on this team."

Todd Grunloh

Grayslake North head coach

Trying to turn things around

Knights look to limit turnovers this season

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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The first time of anything can be difficult. For the Grayslake North Knights, it was downright torturous.

Last year, North's first win came mid-season against Crystal Lake Central. That was the only win the Knights could muster.

"It was pretty obvious two summers ago we would have problems," Grayslake North coach Todd Grunloh said. "It's not the ideal situation, being a new school and having no seniors."

But with the Knights' nucleus returning, this season should be a different story.

Grayslake North Knights

2006-07 Record: 1-27 (1-9 in Fox Valley Conference Fox Division)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 7 vs. Cary-Grove
7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Lakes
7 p.m. Jan. 25 vs. Grayslake Central

With eight out of 12 players returning for the team's sophomore season, there could be plenty to celebrate for Grunloh and the Knights fans this year.

The Knights' biggest weapon is senior forward Clay Henricksen. Henricksen led the team in scoring (13.3 points per game), rebounds (7 rebounds per game), assists and steals to become a unanimous all-conference pick. Senior forward Noel DeLaMar put up 7 points a game last season and will be used to defensively shut down other players.

Senior point guard Xeryus Ivory will be used to cut down on turnovers while 6-foot-5 center Tony Herman will be used to clog up the middle. Only Jordan Field, a player who started in about half of the Knights' games last year, will not returning for this winter. But, Grunloh said, Ivory's purpose will be the most important.

Turnovers plagued North last season. As a team, the Knights averaged 19 turnovers a game and that translated into easy points for opponents. Overall, Grayslake North opponents averaged 54 points a game with some of those points undoubtedly coming off of turnovers.

"We had a lot of ball control problems last year, so that was definitely something we worked on over the course of the summer," Grunloh said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to cut down on turnovers and prevent



Grayslake North's Clay Henricksen (23) goes for a rebound during a game last season.

easy baskets for the other team. If we can do that, we'll be a much better team for this year."

Another player expected to make major contributions is 6-foot-3 guard Rollin Idlas. Idlas shared starting duties with Field, who has decided to concentrate on baseball for next year. Returning guard Tim Elias also will be vying for a starting spot while Grant Henricksen, Clay's younger brother, will be an op-

tion. One more option could be junior transfer Jamal Glover, the younger brother of Jaquan Glover, an all-area player for the Round Lake Panthers last year.

"We're definitely a lot deeper than we were last year," Grunloh said. "I think we have a lot more talent on this team, and I think we also have a lot more role players that can come in and contribute."

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CARMEL CORSAIRS

"The reality is it will probably take them a good three weeks or so to get their legs back ... [But] I don't want that to come off as an excuse."

Jon Baffico

Carmel head coach

Corsairs look to take next step

Deep football run might limit Carmel's prospects until mid-December

By MATT PERA

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Having a high school football team go deep into the playoffs makes for an exciting time. Everyone, including students, parents, and teachers have something to cheer for.

Carmel experienced that excitement this year, as the Corsairs football team pushed through the postseason before losing to Lake Zurich 17-7 in an IHSA Class 7A semifinal game Nov. 17.

Carmel boys basketball coach Jon Baffico was among the people cheering for the football team to keep the momentum going all the way to a state title. How could he not? He knows a lot of the players pretty well. In fact, three of his five starters are football players.

While the football team's extended playoff run was good for the school, it made for some tough times early in the season for the basketball team.

"The reality is it will probably take them a good three weeks or so to get their legs back, so we're talking mid-December," Baffico said. "[But] I don't want that to come off as an excuse. Nobody's going to feel bad for you. We have to deal with what we've got."

Senior guard David Venegoni, junior forward Jack Baucus, and junior guard Tim Sachs have traded in their shoulder pads and cleats for shorts and basketball shoes, giving the Corsairs its complete starting five.

Dan Neegan and Tim Cook also have joined the team now that the Corsairs football season has ended.

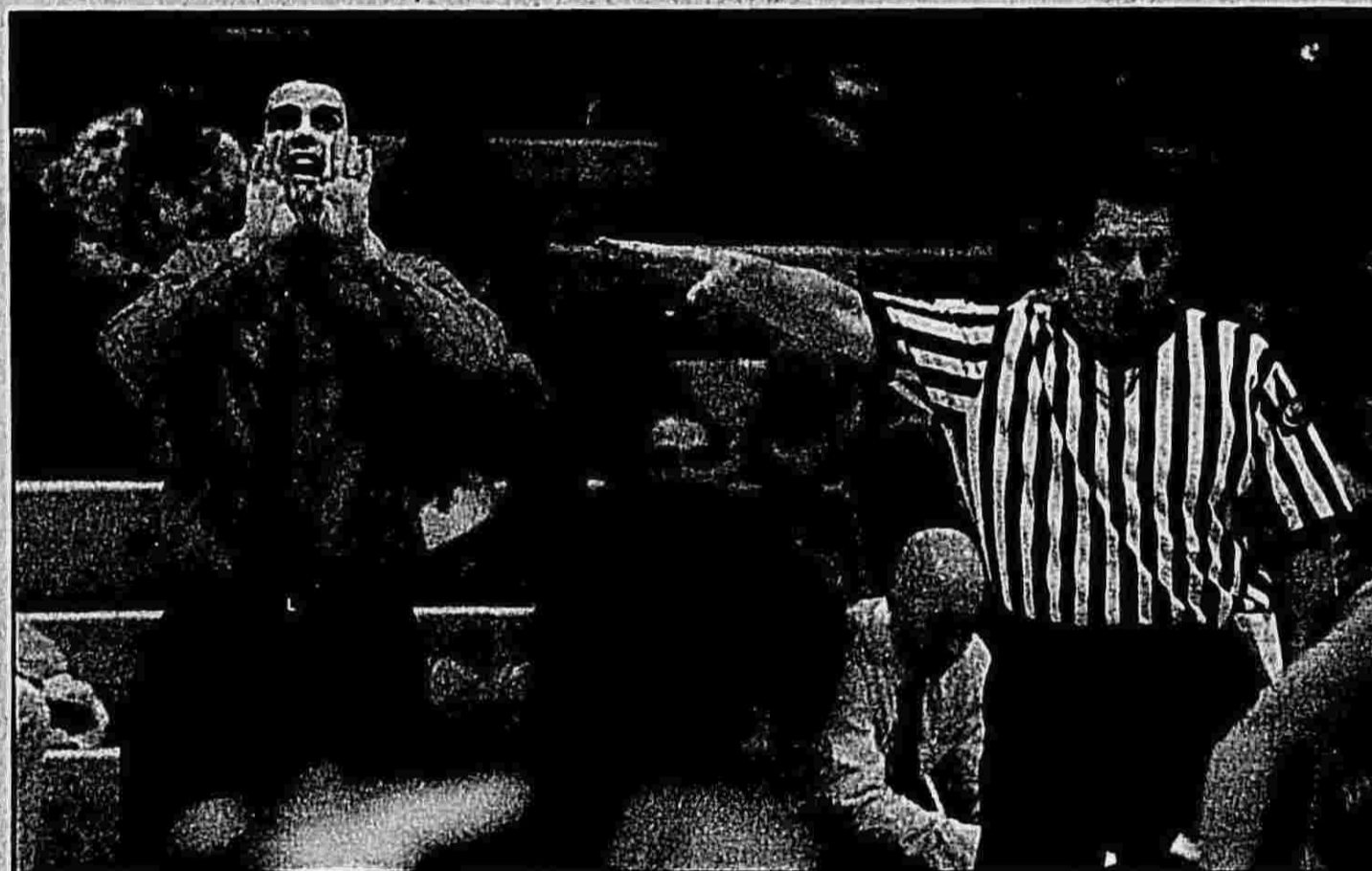
The Corsairs also feature first-year varsity guard Jordan Sivertsen, a senior who took a one-year hiatus from basketball. He was the leading scorer for both the freshman and sophomore teams and is off to a hot start as a varsity player.

Baffico said now that the Corsairs have a complete team, a little pressure will be taken off Sivertsen, who has assumed a leadership role.

"He's doing a good job with it," Baffico said. "He's very bright athletically. He absorbs things well, and he's just got that athletic instinct."

The Corsairs finished 8-21 last year and are three years removed from a one-win season.

Baffico said he envisioned this year's team taking another step in the right direction, with a goal



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Above: Carmel head coach Jon Baffico yells directions to his players during a game last season.

Below: Corsair guard David Venegoni dribbles the ball during a game last season.

Carmel Corsairs

2006-07 Record: 8-21 (1-12 in the East Suburban Catholic Conference)

Key Games

7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at St. Joseph

7:30 p.m. Jan. 4 vs. St. Patrick

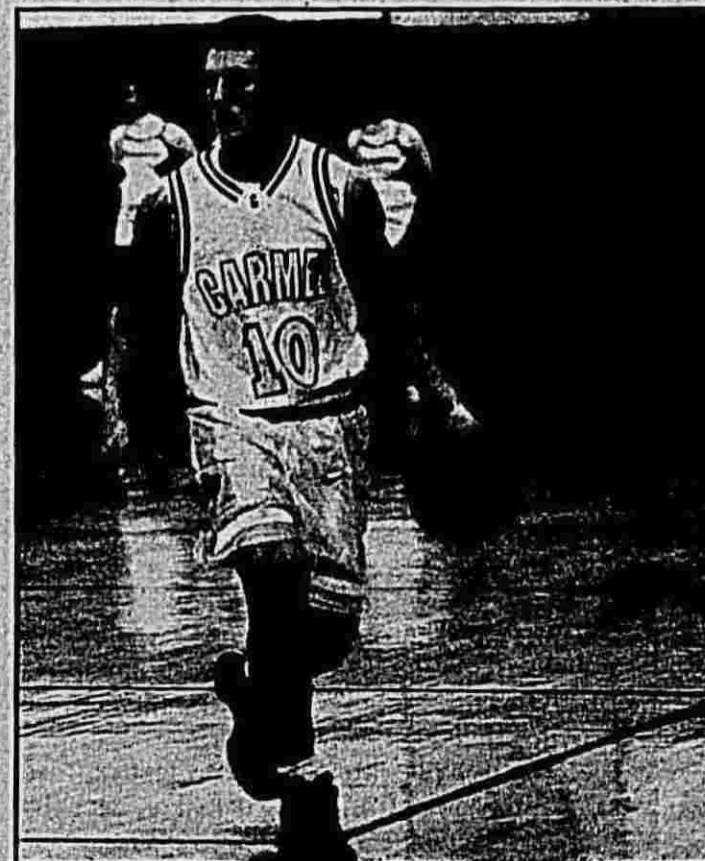
7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 vs. Marist

to finish in the top half of the East Suburban Catholic Conference. The key to that, he said, will be an emphasis on defense and hustle.

The Corsairs' goal is to continue to improve throughout the season and head into postseason play at the top of the team's game.

"I like the unselfishness of the team," Baffico said. "I think guys play unselfishly with the basketball, and I think they feel good about what they're doing. I think they're really concerned with just trying to make the program better, and that's the thing - I need guys to do that."

If they do, the Corsair community might have another postseason team to cheer for come February.



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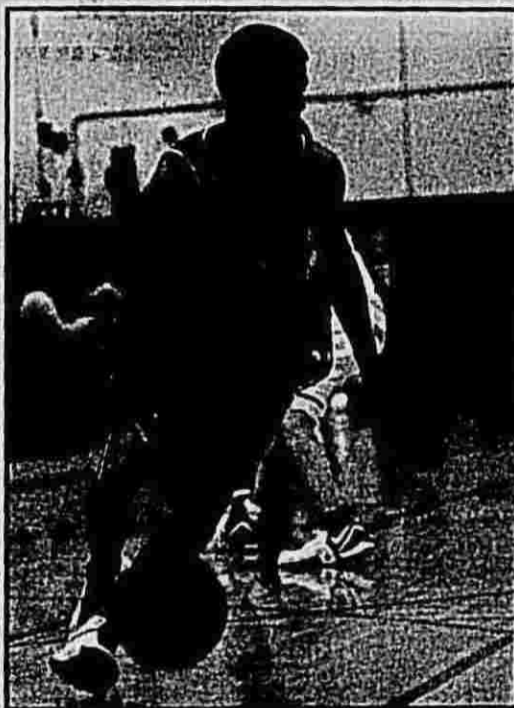


"As a coach, I feel more comfortable this year than last year."

Jeremy Fisher

Round Lake head coach

Seniority to rule Round Lake squad



Chris Padgett file photo: cpadgett@nwnewsgroup.com
Round Lake's Javier Martinez drives toward the basket in a game last year.

Fisher stresses that defense comes first

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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The difference between first and second year players in high school can be night and day. The same can be said of coaches, and Round Lake's Jeremy Fisher is glad to see his second year get under way.

"I have six seniors on the team and five have been in the system for four years, so we're pleased with the experience," Fisher said. "As a coach, I feel more comfortable this year than last."

Returning seniors include 6-foot-2 Mike Mpokota, 5-foot-11 guard Javier Martinez and 6-foot-0 Jerome Brown. Brown averaged 10 points per game

last year.

"Brown worked hard and is looking good, but we won't be relying on him this year as we did Jaquan Glover last year," Fisher said.

Erick Green, a 5-foot-6 guard is back as well. Vernon Randolph, 6-foot-1, is a senior in his first year of Round Lake basketball after sitting out last year. While Randolph might not have the in-game experience some of his teammates have, Fisher said, he does have the raw skills to become a good basketball player.

"Vernon plays pretty good," Fisher said. "He runs the floor well."

Newcomers to watch include 6-foot sophomore John Martinez and 5-foot-11 junior Jeff Nicoline.

Overall, Fisher said, he plans on making his team a defense-first squad. Defensively, Fisher said, his team will always play aggressively.

The Panthers are coming off a nine-

Round Lake Panthers

2006-07 Record: 9-19 (3-9 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

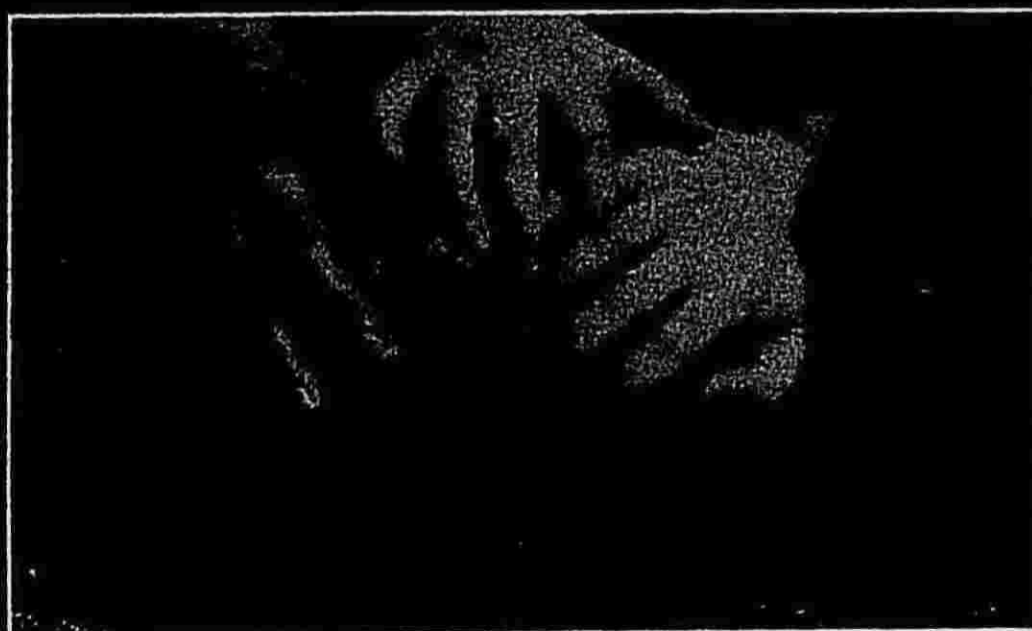
7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Antioch
7 p.m. Dec. 11 vs. North Chicago
7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Wauconda

win season in Fisher's first campaign after he replaced Mark Petrynek. But Fisher hopes the 2007-08 season will see the Panthers shed their perennial troubles.

On the court, the first assignment was the Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament. Round Lake opened the season against Carmel with 47-27 loss.

"We worked hard with a good fall program and weight lifting," Fisher said. "I expect to be competitive in the Prairie division."

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WAUCONDA BULLDOGS



"We're not the most talented team, but they're the most coachable team, and we have a great group of seniors."

Rich Wolf

Wauconda head coach

Bulldogs prefer to fly under radar

By STEVE PETERSON

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Sometimes it's a better approach to fly under the radar.

The preseason hoopla can go to someone else. Just work hard, improve with each game, and good things will happen in the end. That's what Wauconda boys basketball coach Rich Wolf and his Bulldogs are shooting for this season.

"It is a great group to coach," Wolf said. "They all work extremely hard. We're not the most talented team, but they're the most coachable team, and we have a great group of seniors."

The school's expansion will yield a new gym that seats 2,000 fans. Wolf hopes that his team will christen the new place with a win against McHenry Nov. 27.

"It's beautiful," Wolf said of the new digs.

But Wolf is concerned with more than just a new

Wauconda Bulldogs

2006-07 Record: 11-16

Key Games

7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 vs. Lakes

7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 vs. Round Lake

7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 vs. North Chicago

gym.

Another factor facing his team is huge crowds, a carry-over effect from the playoff qualifying football team, which was 7-3 this fall.

"There are so many good things that happen when the football team is successful," Wolf said of the mood of the school.

Although Steve Bilisko (Elgin Community College), Mike Sheffield, and others from last year



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Members of Wauconda boys basketball team react to a referee's call during a game against Round Lake last year.

are gone, Wauconda's basketball team still has leaders, Wolf said. Junior Connor Dimick impressed as a sophomore on the varsity team last year.

"He has the heart of a lion," Wolf said.



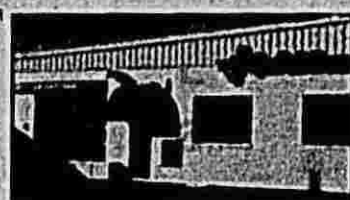
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WARREN BLUE DEVILS



"In terms of the roster, I think we've got a pretty well-balanced team."

Chuck Ramsey
Warren head coach

Warren's playing style moves forward

Taylor Erbach, of Warren, celebrates a referee's call against a backdrop of disappointed Zion-Benton fans in last seasons sectional basketball championship.



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Blue Devils coach pleased with team's balanced talent

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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Warren Blue Devils

2006-07 Record: 26-4 (11-1 North Suburban Conference Lake Division)

Key Games

3:45 p.m. Dec. 15 vs. New Trier at University of Illinois
7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Stevenson
7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Hoffman Estates

Rebuilding or reloading? In prep basketball, those two words can mean the difference between a year stuck in the basement and a year flying to great heights.

For Warren, no matter what, it seems to always be reloading. Even after losing his entire starting roster from last year's 26-4 campaign, Blue Devils coach Chuck Ramsey said he is confident in the talent he has for the 2007-08 season.

"We expect to be a very competitive team. We want to contend for the conference and sectional titles," he said. "If our kids are committed to playing hard and playing together every day, we're going to be successful. We don't have the kind of talent up and down the roster that we've had for the past few years, but this team is definitely good."

The key returnee in Warren's lineup is senior Brandon Paul. Despite putting up season averages like three points and two rebounds a game, Paul was heavily recruited and verbally committed to the University of Illinois.

Last season, Paul's playing time was limited because of a highly-talented roster that included current Western Illinois University guard Ceola Clark, Carthage College guard Logan Derrick, and College of Lake County's Julian Jones.

Now, after an impressive Amateur Athletic Union season, Paul has Division I basketball in his future.

Ramsey downplayed Paul and focused on the team.

"I think that we have good depth; I think that's going to be

our strength," Ramsey said. "I would imagine that [Paul] will be one of our leaders, and then it's whomever gets open beyond that."

There are plenty of guys to get open on Warren's roster. Guys like Taylor Erbach and Scott Geske will be major options for the Blue Devils, Ramsey said.

Beyond the Paul, Erbach, and Geske trio, there is plenty of talent to go around. Forward Kegan McDaniel and guard Jason Warneke also have varsity experience. Ramsey said that newcomers, like transfer Eric Williams and junior guard David Duncan, also will help the Blue Devil cause.

Down low, Ramsey's got plenty of big men to clog up the lanes. Look for 6-foot-4 footballer James Poliquin, 6-foot-4 Jeff Kemp, and 6-foot-3 Jake Anderson. So many forwards will give Warren a change from the guard-oriented scheme the Devils have been running the past few seasons, Ramsey said.

But, as far as Ramsey's concerned, he might as well have all the talent in the world.

"In terms of the roster, I think we've got a pretty well-balanced team," he said.

"About a third of our guys will be playing down low, so things are looking pretty good roster-wise."

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If last year was a rebuilding season for Grayslake Central, then junior guard Alex Anderson was a major building block. Last season, Anderson averaged 14 points per game and was the team's leading scorer. With his first varsity year behind him, this could be a breakout season for Anderson.

ALEX ANDERSON; G
Grayslake Central

Along with Alex Anderson and Mike Brumm, Grayslake Central guard Andrew Sipes made up the nucleus of this roster. Now, after a summer spent working on his game, Sipes will undoubtedly improve on his 10 points per game average, which could power the Rams to a deep postseason.

ANDREW SIPES; G
Grayslake Central

Working on a team that was searching for an identity, Grayslake North senior Natalie Barczyk is the heart and soul of the Knights.

Barczyk, coupled with Hilary Kuhl were the teams' two top scoring threats in the Knights' inaugural season last year.

NATALIE BARCZYK; G
Grayslake North

If there's an heir apparent to Boothe's MVP crown it's Wauconda junior post player Lauren Mead. Mead is in her third varsity season and put up impressive numbers in her sophomore campaign. In all, she averaged 15 points and eight rebounds a game for the resurgent Bulldogs.

LAUREN MEAD; F
Wauconda

BOYS

CLAY HENRICKSEN; F
GRAYS LAKE NORTH

For a first year varsity team, Grayslake North needed a leader. Their leader was forward Clay Henricksen. Last year, Henricksen averaged 13 points, seven rebounds and three assists for the Knights. This year, with an intact roster, Henricksen could be on the road to greatness.

PRESEASON MVP

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SARAH BOOTHE; C; WARREN

If you don't know the name Sarah Boothe by now, you haven't been paying much attention. The 6-foot-5 Stanford-bound center is a four-year starter and has scored 1,403 points over the course of her high school career. Last year, she averaged 16.2 points, 8.7 rebounds and 3.4 blocks en route to her second-straight All-Lake County Journals MVP crown.

PRESEASON MVP

GIRLS

Even as a third option, Lakes' Kevin Guirand was a major threat. Last season, Guirand had to share offensive duties with prolific scorers Sean Hertz and Chuck Kempf. Even so, Guirand averaged a near-double-double with 10 points and eight rebounds a game for the Eagles. This year, as the go-to guy, it's going to be even more.

KEVIN GUIRAND; F
Lakes

Third-year Grant varsity player Mike Shields has plenty of experience, but he brings something else to the table – scoring. Last season, Shields led the Bulldogs with 16 points per game and possessed dangerous driving skills. This year, with an improved shooting touch, he's likely going to put up even more points for Grant.

MIKE SHIELDS; G
Grant

In the past few seasons, Round Lake has risen from the ashes like a phoenix. The biggest reason for the resurrection is senior guard Labrenthia Murdock. Murdock was the focal point of the Panthers' offense and was an all-conference player that averaged 10 points a game last season.

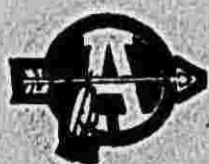
LABRENTIA MURDOCK; G
Round Lake

In a team packed with name players, Grant forward Jamie Swanson still managed to carve a name out for herself. She's been an all-area team member for two years and averaged 11.5 points per game last season when she had to share scoring duties with the likes of Kariann Hill, Nikki Staton and Becka Gonyo.

JAMIE SWANSON; F
Grant

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ANTIOCH SEQUOITS



"I like how deep our bench is, that definitely helps. I feel like we can switch a lot of people in and out and not lose much."

Tim Borries

Antioch head coach

New coach, new scheme for Antioch

Sequoits turn to last year's leading scorer for help

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**
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In a year of transition for Antioch sports, the Sequoit girls basketball team made its own change. Just like the football team and the boys basketball team, the girls have a new coach.

But the team didn't have to look far for a new leader.

First-year coach Tim Borries takes over the helm from retired longtime coach Don Zeman, but Borries has worked in the program for more than a decade.

For the last 11 years, Borries has coached the freshman and sophomore teams, so, he said, he's familiar with Antioch basketball.

"I've known a lot of these

girls for a long time," Borries said. "I know how they play, and I know their strengths and weaknesses, so I've been able to step in right where they left off last year."

One major piece to this year's puzzle will be returning starter Christine Gaborek. Gaborek was last year's leading scorer with more than seven points per game.

The 5-foot-9 senior forward should be the focus of this year's offense, Borries said.

"We're expecting her to really step up this year," Borries said. "She's going to be the one our offense runs through, so she should be able to put up a lot of points for us."

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Emily McCarthy, of Antioch, dribbles down court during a game last season against Waukegan.

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"We try not to concentrate on wins and losses. We focus on accomplishing our goals and let the wins and losses take care of themselves."

John Ryan
Carmel head coach

Young talent, veteran leadership help Carmel

By **MATT PERA**
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There's an old adage that coaches love to drill into the collective psyches of their teams year in and year out – "Defense wins championships."

The thinking is that – while some nights shots will fall, other nights they won't – scrapping for rebounds and diving for loose balls, along with blocking shots and staying in front of your opponent, are all elements that, if committed to as a mindset, will always be there.

Carmel Corsairs

2006-07 Record:
15-14 (5-4 East Suburban Catholic Conference)

Key Games
6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 vs. Fenwick
Dec. 20 through 28
Warren Blue Devil Classic
2:30 p.m. Feb. 2 vs. St. Joseph

Carmel girls basketball coach John Ryan said his team members pride themselves on playing aggressive defense, and that has been evident so far this season (they have kept

one opponent to 20 points and two others to 27).

But that doesn't mean Ryan isn't putting a little more emphasis on scoring this year.

"We have certain goals every game," he said. "One is in terms of offensive production. Our kids traditionally play such good defense, we figure that if we can score in the 40s, we have a good chance of winning a lot of games."

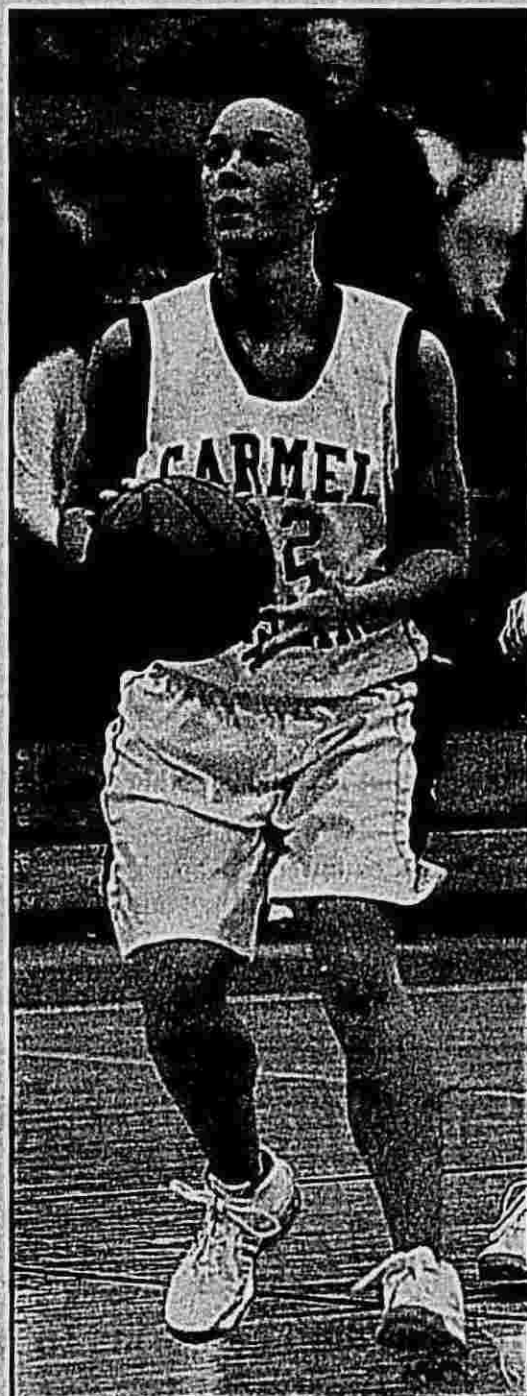
The team's strategy also involves keeping opponents to scores in the 30s. So far this season, Ryan said, the defense has been there, but the offense needs a bit more focus.

"We hang our hat on defense, but we have to make it a point of emphasis to score a little more," he said.

Ryan pointed to his four senior captains as leaders who should be able to implement those goals.

Senior guards Caitlin Hendricks and Aubrey Simmons will be counted on in the backcourt this season, while the Corsairs also return junior guard Tiffany Hendrickson, who was all-conference last season.

In the frontcourt, senior forward



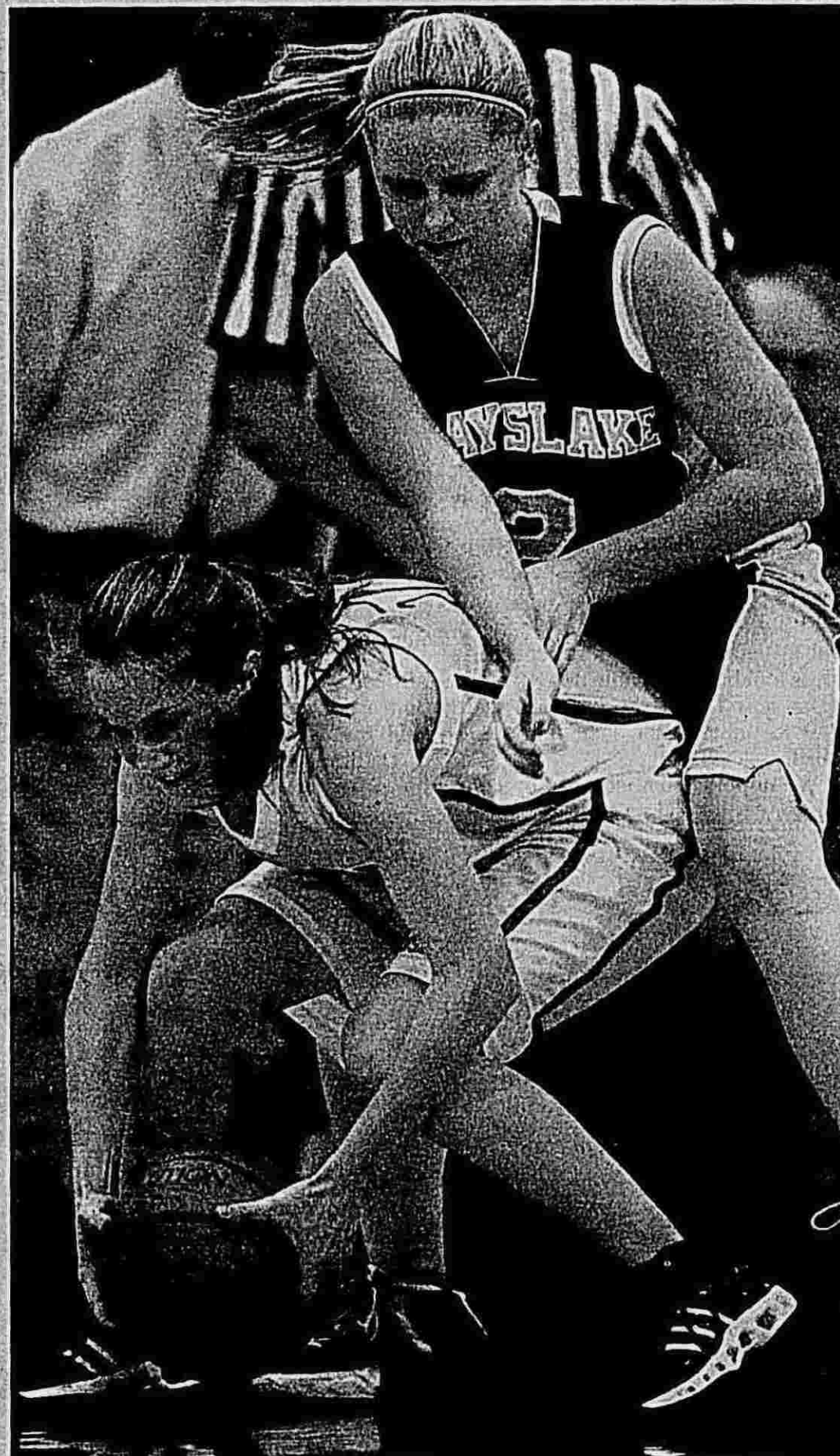
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Carmel's Aubrey Simmons takes the ball up court during a game last year.

Jenna Korte and senior center Erin Glogovsky will be looked to for toughness in the paint.

Two underclassmen, freshman center Beth Scudder and sophomore center Christine Ruhl, also are expected to contribute, Ryan said. With a mix of veteran leadership and young, developing talent, the Corsairs head coach said he has high hopes for this year's team.

"We try not to concentrate on wins and losses," Ryan said. "We focus on accomplishing our goals and let the wins and losses take care of themselves."



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Carmel's Kelly Schoen and Grayslake North's Ali Vlahos go for the ball during this year's Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament.



GRANT BULLDOGS



"We have some tough battles right away."

Tom Oeffling

Grant head coach

Bulldogs build on past success

Grant tries to make up for loss of key players

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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After breaking through to sectionals last year, Grant's girls basketball team likely will be a target this winter. The Bulldogs have won the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division four of the last five years, and 20-plus wins the last four years.

Gone are some familiar players such as Becka Gonyo (playing volleyball at Marquette), Kariann Hill (playing basketball at Converse College) and Nikki Staton (playing soccer at Loyola University.)

With the loss of so many college-level athletes, the Bulldogs' coaching staff is looking at a whole new strategy for this season. A new group is ready to leave its mark after last year's 25-6 record.

"We hope to have scoring by com-



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Grant's **Tori Ziegler** tries to save the ball from going out of bounds during a North Suburban Conference crossover game against Warren last year.

mittee, a number of girls scoring 8-10 points per game," coach Tom Oeffling said.

Oeffling said crashing the boards and how many of opponents' second-chance

shots are not allowed will be a key.

"Boxing out is an important part of defense," he said.

Beyond the fundamentals, Oeffling said his team will be tested right from

Grant Bulldogs

2006-07 Record: 25-6 (12-0 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

2:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Wauconda

7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Round Lake

7 p.m. Feb. 5 vs. Stevenson

the very beginning of the schedule. His team started out at the competitive Deerfield Invitational, then, it's off to the races in the Prairie with conference foes like Antioch on Nov. 27 and Wauconda on Dec. 1.

"We have some tough battles right away," Oeffling said of the early schedule. Tough early opponents included Grant has with Waukegan, a team that gave it a tough test in the regional final last year, and the Deerfield Thanksgiving tournament.

Returning seniors are 5-foot-7 Heather Ruetsche; 6-foot-1 forward Autumn Gaylor; 5-foot-10 forward Jamie Swanson; 6-foot-1 Bailey Wagner; and 5-foot-11 senior Tori Ziegler.



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GRAYSLAKE NORTH KNIGHTS



"Nobody plays harder than we do, but we just had a hard time scoring last year. If we can score, I think we're going to be pretty good."

Jim Sarver

Grayslake North head coach

Knights coming back for more

Grayslake North welcomes back all its starters

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**
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Starting a program from scratch is never an easy task. But one perk that comes from beginning teams is returning entire lineups in the second season.

While the Knights are returning their entire roster, recent history tells us that returnees don't immediately spell prosperity. Nearby rival Lakes Community High School returned their entire lineup and still went without a win last season.

But North has one thing that the Eagles didn't have after their first season — wins. Knights coach Jim Sarver is returning his entire squad including starters Elizabeth Phillips, Hilary Kuhl, Alex Lowry and Amanda Leon.

Along with his front five, Sarver also gains transfer student Lauren Erikson. Erikson, a 5-foot-9 sophomore guard, started on her former varsity team last season. This year, she likely will be viable option on the front five. Along with returning talent, Sarver also has the aid of depleted rosters in the Fox Valley Conference Fox Division.

"Every body but us in the division graduated a lot of quality players," Sarver said. "Our kids really blended well with each other last year, and if that stays the case this year, I think we're going to have a pretty successful season."

Last year, one of the Knights biggest problems was putting points on the board. Even with all five starters returning, those players averaged about 24

Grayslake North Knights

2006-07 Record: 3-25 (1-9 Fox Valley Conference Fox Division)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 15 at Cary-Grove

7 p.m. Jan. 15 vs. Grayslake Central

7 p.m. Jan. 23 vs. Lakes

points a game as a unit.

"Nobody plays harder than we do, but we just had a hard time scoring last year," Sarver said. "If we can score, I think we're going to be pretty good."

If scoring was their main concern last season, Sarver and company might be able to scratch that problem off their list. One area of the Knights' most potent weapons in the early season has been their shooting range.

In an early-season win against Lakes, the Knights shot the lights out. In total, the team hit eight three-pointers with four different players connecting from three-point land.

"We can definitely shoot from outside the arc. Hopefully, this year, we won't have to rely on that as our only weapon," Sarver said. "I think this team will be a much more consistent scoring team than we were last year. If we can just score both inside and outside, this could be a dangerous team."

Inside scoring might not be much of a problem for Sarver and the Knights either. Lowry, a talented 6-foot-1 post player, put work in during the summer to improve her post moves and could be a threat down low.

In the team's first four games, Grayslake North nearly matched its win output in 2006-07 and are sitting at 2-2.

"I think we have more pieces to the puzzle than we had last year," Sarver said. "We have more players that can come in off the bench and contribute, so I think this should be a good year."

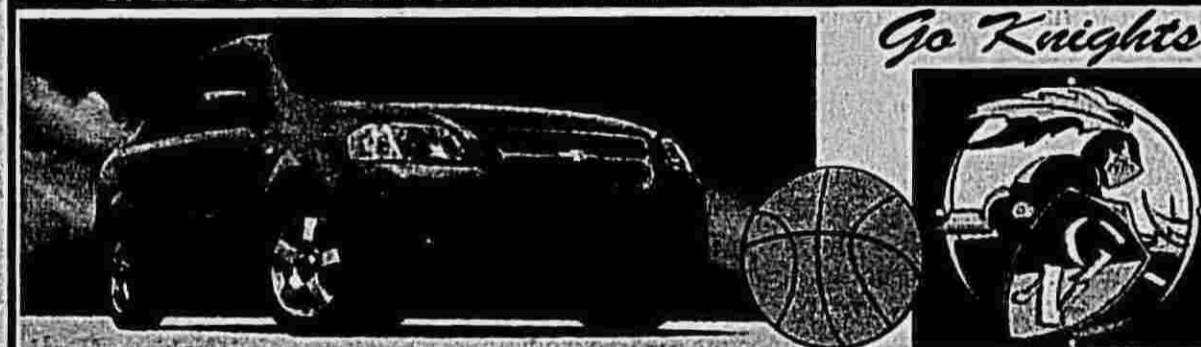


Grayslake North's Hilary Kuhl (22) dives after a loose ball during a game last year against Prairie Ridge at Grayslake North High School.

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"They've always played good defense, but I wanted them to improve their shooting range."

Roger Lass

Grayslake Central head coach

Rams 'role' into a new season

Grayslake Central role players step up to starting positions

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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For seven straight seasons, the Grayslake Central girls basketball team has enjoyed the services of the Ming sisters. Between former Rams Kara and Kayla Ming, Grayslake Central got more than 3,500 points and 1,000 rebounds.

Now, the Ming dynasty is over. But for new coach Roger Lass, it's not about what the Rams had in the past, it's about what they can do in the future.

"Kara and Kayla were excellent players, but I think we have plenty of weapons to work with for this year," Lass said. "One thing people are going to see is a much more balanced attack with a lot more individual scorers."

While his name might be new to Ram fans, Lass has spent plenty of time in the system. Before this season, Lass was the sophomore coach for eight seasons before leading the varsity team.

"I've known and worked with a lot of these girls from when they were on the sophomore team," Lass said. "So there really wasn't any type of difficult transition."

Lass's biggest contributor could be returning senior point guard Rachel Culp. Culp showed her skills as a talented defender last year, but could be asked to put up more points for this season, Lass said.

Along with Culp, there are a lot of returning seniors to aid the Rams on the team's quest for wins. Brianna Anderson, Erin Claxton, Haley Glynn and Lacy Norton give the Rams plenty of height along the front line. Now they must elevate their games past the role player level and become starters.

Because of graduation losses, Lass expects his team to have a more score-by-committee approach. That is a much different scheme from the last few Ming-led teams.

"I don't think we have anybody who's going to average 10 [points] a game, but we have seven or eight who can average six, seven points a game. We'll be balanced," Lass said. "We're



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Grayslake central students cheer on their team during a 76-74 victory in double overtime against North Chicago at last year's IHSA Class AA Warren Regional.

Grayslake Central Rams

2006-07 Record: 16-13 (8-2 Fox Valley Conference Fox Division)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Cary-Grove
7 p.m. Dec. 13 vs. Libertyville
7 p.m. Feb. 2 vs. Grayslake North

going to have scoring from a lot of different players, and we won't have that one player who's going to put up big numbers, but we also won't have one player that other teams can key on."

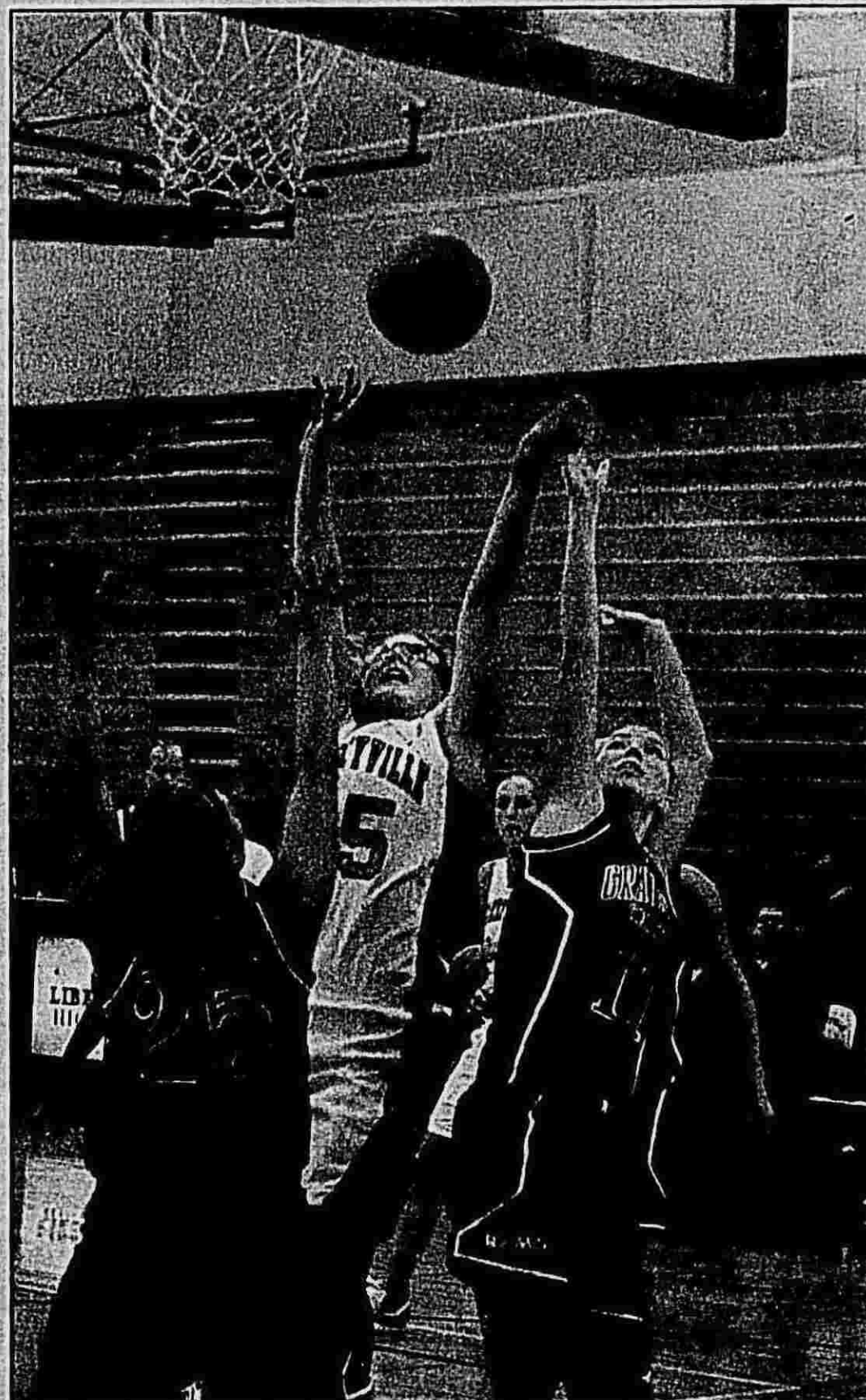
Other players expected to make contributions include Megan LeBaron, Katelynn Putkonen, Kathryn Dickson, and Alex Scarboro.

Lass said his main concern will be scoring. But with the amount of defensive skill on his team, Lass might not have to worry about scoring too much.

"They've always played good defense, but I wanted them to improve their shooting range," he said. "I wanted the girls who can hit 15-footers to move out to the three-point line."

Another problem for this year's Rams might be a relative lack of height. Without forward Colleen Centella and swing player Kelly Washington, rebounds might be hard to come by for Grayslake Central.

"We're not the tallest team, but we're going to play hard, and we're going to be good on defense," Lass said.



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Grayslake Central players Lauren Trentadue (left) and Erin Claxton go up against Libertyville's Carol Kruckman for a rebound during a game last season.



LAKES EAGLES

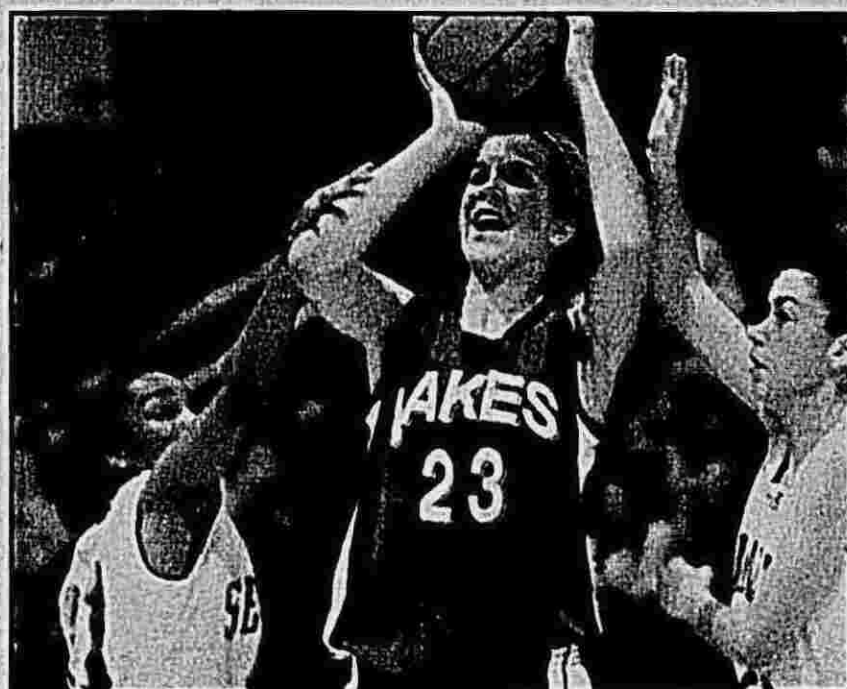


"I just said that I don't care what happened in the past. There's no reason why we can't [win]."

Elizabeth Hinkle

Lakes head coach

Lakes brings in a winning attitude



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Mandy Schellinger, of Lakes, is fouled by Breae Moechoe (left), of Antioch, during a rivalry game last season.

New Eagles coach looks beyond winless record

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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A new year has begun and fresh optimism has come to the Eagles.

Lakes is looking to turn things around this year with a new coach (Elizabeth Hinkle) and four of last year's starters back in action.

"Sure, I heard that this team has never won a game, but I didn't look at what happened previously a whole lot," Hinkle said. "I just look at the fundamentals of basketball and what we can do today to improve this team."

In the first season as a var-

Lakes Eagles

2006-07 Record: 0-28 (0-12 North Suburban Conference Prairie)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 18 vs. Vernon Hills
2:30 p.m. Jan. 5 vs. Antioch
7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Grayslake North

sity program, former coach Eric Vichnick had to work to get his team to score more than 20 points – a feat that the Eagles accomplished just two times.

Hinkle's résumé is likely why Lakes opted to make her coach.

Hinkle, formerly known as Elizabeth Hart, played for the University of Toronto and the Canadian National team. She even played professionally for a two-year stint in Germany.

Hinkle started teaching in Lake Villa during the Vichnick regime. But when he stepped down, Hinkle stepped up.

"I got the teaching job before I even thought about the coaching job," Hinkle said. "I figured that if [the coaching position] opened up I would go for it; and it did."

As impressive as Hinkle's résumé is, she has plenty of tools ready to get the Eagles that elusive win.

Lakes' top scoring threats were 6-foot-1 Mandy Schellinger and 6-foot post player Keshia Cunningham.

Schellinger has been the number one scorer since the program began and Hinkle said she liked what she saw.

"She's a good leader in practice," Hinkle said.

Meanwhile, Cunningham provides an impressive sec-



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Nickie Folinazzo, of Lakes, gets an off-balance pass to a teammate after a rebound during the Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament, while a Mundelein player reaches for the ball. The tournament took place Nov. 12 through 21.

ond option, Hinkle said. While she is somewhat prone to foul trouble, her hustling approach is just what Hinkle likes to see.

"She's got great athleticism," Hinkle said. "She's been doing well in practice and she just goes out there and plays her heart out."

In the first game of the season against Rolling Meadows, the Eagles posted 34 points in a 43-34.

But while the team is off to a bumpy 0-4 start as of Nov. 21, Hinkle is optimistic about the future.

"I just said that I don't care what happened in the past," Hinkle said. "There's no reason why we can't [win]."

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ROUND LAKE PANTHERS



"The defense has been the focus of our practices."

Gary Edge

Round Lake head coach

Starting off on the right foot

Panthers return entire starting lineup for 2007-08 campaign

By STEVE PETERSON

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Round Lake girls basketball head coach Gary Edge has not seen this amount of basketball experience to start a season in years.

And he couldn't be happier.

"All of our starters from last year are back," Edge said. "The last time that happened was six or seven years ago."

The Panthers are led by senior Labrenthia Murdock. Murdock averaged 10 points a game last year in a swing role.

This year, the 5-foot-9 player will go back to her role as point guard.

With Murdock, scoring is under control for the Panthers, Edge said, but he still wants to focus on the basics.

"An area that we have to work in is rebounds," Edge said.

Other seniors on the team looking to make big contributions are guards Brittany Kucia, Jazzmin Rivers and Corrine Conrad.

"The girls have all been working hard in practice and over the summer," Edge said.

Juniors back are led by 6-foot Amber Phillips, 6-foot Ashley Miller and 5-foot-9 Myra Edwards, who saw action as a sophomore on varsity.

"The defense has been the focus of our practices," Edge said. "That will determine how far we go as a team."

The Panthers open the season with the five-game Harvard tournament.

Edge said while the whole North Suburban Prairie Division is better, the nod still has to go to Grant, coming off a 25-6 season.

"They have Jamie Swanson back and are very deep," he said.

Round Lake started the season in fine fashion with a 5-0 mark to clinch the Harvard Thanksgiving Tournament title.

"The girls have worked hard," Edge said. "We're all excited about the year and [we] should be."



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Amber Phillips, of Round Lake, attempts a shot during a basketball game against Wauconda last season.

Round Lake beat Harvard 39-23 and Crystal Lake Central 58-18 on its final day of the tourney, Nov. 17.

"I was happy with our defense," Edge said.

The offense played its part as well.

Wins included a 71-25 victory over Rockford East, 61-28 over Genoa-Kingston and 51-33 over South Beloit.

Phillips led the team against South

Beloit with 13 points. In the final game against Crystal Lake Central Murdock had 15 points to lead the team.

"In one game, all of our players scored," Edge said.

Round Lake battles North Chicago Nov. 27 to start NSC Prairie action.

"They lost some seniors, but have some decent shooters back," Edge said about North Chicago.

Round Lake Panthers

2006-07 Record: 14-13 (8-4 North Suburban Conference Prairie)

Key Games

3:30 p.m. Dec. 1 vs. Antioch

7 p.m. Jan. 10 vs. Grant

7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Wauconda



WARREN BLUE DEVILS



"If we are able to get good guard play to go with all of our post players, we could have a good year."

John Stanczykiewicz

Warren head coach

Warren fields a number of options

Blue Devils perfect skills in offseason in hopes of another playoff run

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**
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Just one more year. That's probably what Warren opponents are collectively thinking this season. Just one more year of facing Blue Devils 6-foot-5 star center Sarah Boothe.

Boothe, who just signed with Stanford's storied women's basketball program, is back for one more season after clogging up baselines for the last three years. Only this year, she won't just be working in the lanes — she's added an outside game as well.

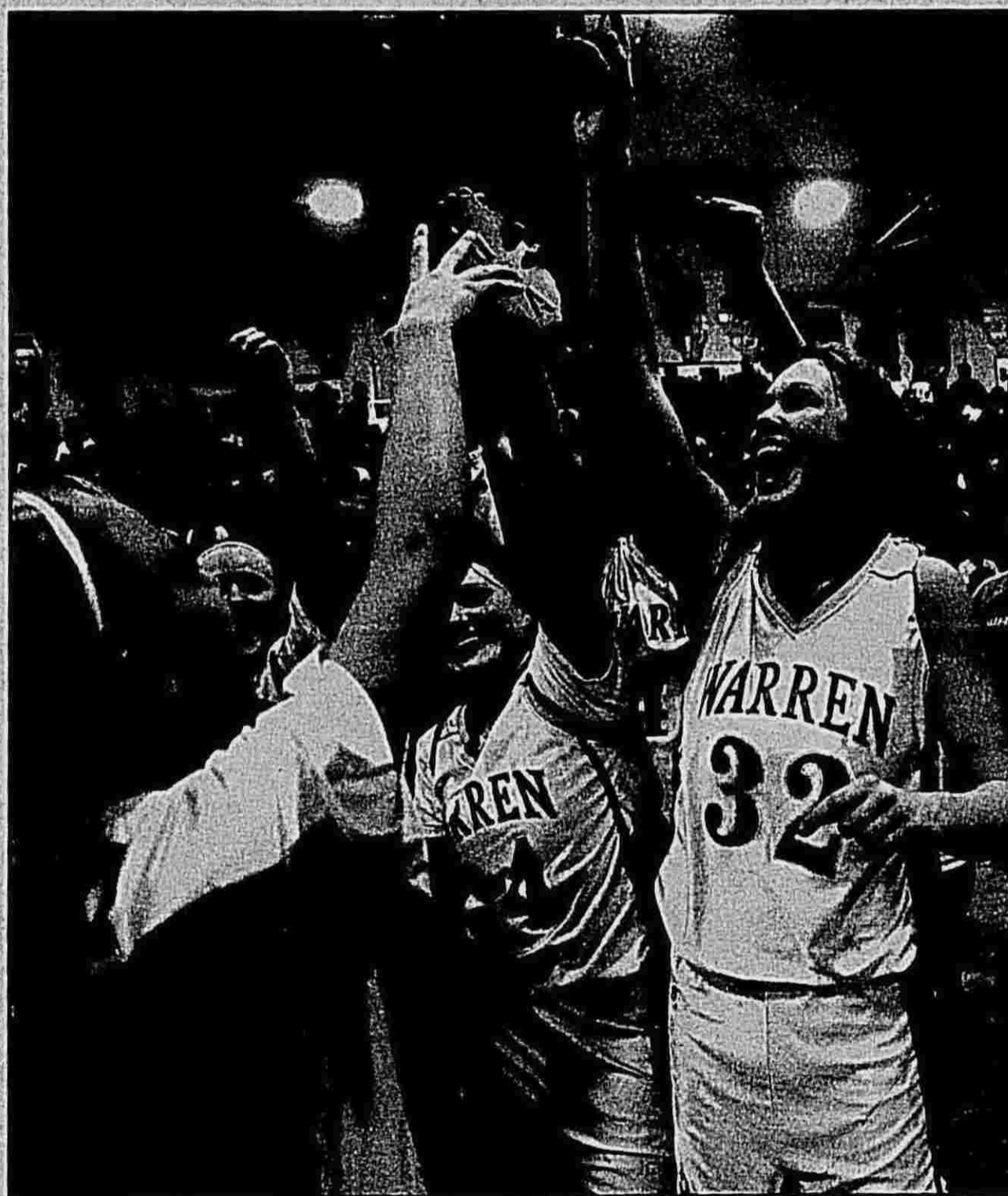
"[Boothe's] been working on her perimeter game for a long time, and she's ready to use it consistently this year," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "Last season, she was able to hit a few three-pointers, so to have that as a consistent threat will give us another weapon to work with."

While Boothe is moonlighting as a three-point shooter, three-year varsity veteran Lory Shaw has stepped up her game in the offseason to take over down low.

At 6-foot-2, Shaw has always cast a long shadow over her opponents, but this year her game can now match her impressive height, Stanczykiewicz said. In the first three games of the season, Shaw has posted double-doubles, even grabbing 18 rebounds in a game.

"Lory has really worked hard on her game this summer," Stanczykiewicz said. "She gives us another consistent scoring threat in the post with [Boothe], so defenders won't be able to cheat onto [Boothe]."

Boothe, who averaged 16.2



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Warren's girls basketball team celebrates after winning a 2007 sectional game against Johnsbury last year.

points, 8.7 rebounds, and 3.4 blocks a game last season, will likely make quite a dynamic duo with the newly-emergent Shaw this season. But the Blue Devils have more than post players this season.

Five-foot-10 swing player Shana Shepherd is especially dangerous because she is tall enough to work down low, but also is a very dangerous shooter, Stanczykiewicz said. "[Shepherd's] a great

shooter. She can hit consistently from well beyond the arc," Stanczykiewicz said. "She gives us a real three-point threat that should take some of the focus off of our post players."

Warren Blue Devils

2006-07 Record: 28-4 (12-0 North Suburban Conference Lakes Division)

Key Games

7 p.m. Dec. 11 vs. Stevenson
2:30 p.m. Dec. 15 vs. Libertyville
7 p.m. Jan. 8 vs. Lake Zurich

While Shaw and Shepherd are in uncharted waters in their first seasons as starters, there is one Blue Devil who's been there before: Junior point guard Joree Green saw limited action as a starter when she filled in for Stacey Leach while Leach was out with a knee injury.

"[Green's] main concern will be playing good defense and getting us into our offense," Stanczykiewicz said. "She won't have to score much, so she can focus on shutting the other team down and taking care of the ball."

Erin Norwood is another post player that gives the Blue Devils more options down low. At 5-foot-10, Norwood is a versatile post player who can play quality minutes for the Blue Devils.

Beyond the veterans, Stanczykiewicz has plenty of bench players ready and willing to come in. Sophomore Alex Booker saw limited action last year, while senior forward Megan Wozniak, guard Kristin Mierzejewski and Kaitlyn Heffernan are experienced players for the Devils.

"We've got a lot of options for scoring, and we've got a lot of height," Stanczykiewicz said. "If we are able to get good guard play to go with all of our post players, we could have a good year."



WAUCONDA BULLDOGS

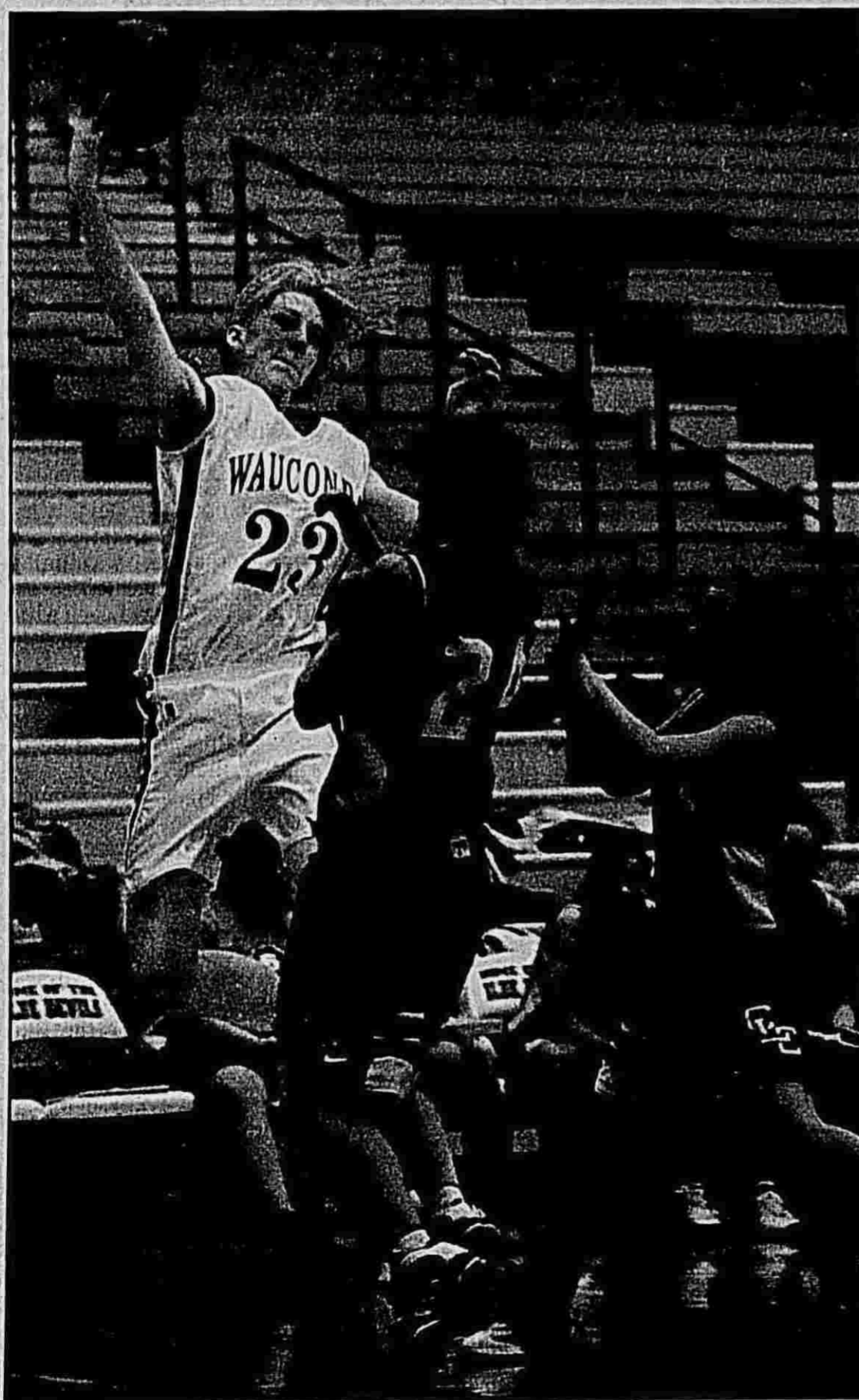


"We have more experience than we've had. It is a luxury that I have not had."

Tim Bartusch

Wauconda head coach

Bulldogs are ready, locked, (re)loaded



Lauren Mead, of Wauconda, jumps to save the ball from going out of bounds during an IHSA class AA first-round regional match against Crystal Lake Central last year. Wauconda advanced with a 57-45 win.

Key players return for Wauconda

By STEVE PETERSON

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Few introductions were needed when Wauconda girls basketball coach Tim Bartusch welcomed the 2007-08 team to its first day of practice.

"All the starters are back; we lost three seniors, but they did not play much," Bartusch said. "We have more experience than we've had. It is a luxury that I have not had."

If everything goes to plan, Wauconda's most experienced players will go out with as bang, as they get to play in the expanded school's new gym. The first girls home game is at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 1 against North Suburban Conference Prairie Division rival Grant.

Junior Lauren Mead is in her third year on varsity and is coming off an 18-points-per-game and 9-rebounds-per-game year.

Also back are guards Kate Martino, a 5-foot-4 sophomore, and seniors Katie LePage and Courtney Kimes.

A second LePage, Katie's younger sister Julie, also is on the varsity squad.

"Both of the LePage sisters have put in a lot of time over the years," Bartusch said. "This year, we have players who are committed to basketball."

Even with so many returning veterans, Bartusch hasn't stopped bringing in talented underclassmen to fill roster spots.

Freshman Tammy Ellis, a 5-foot-6 guard, also has gained a varsity spot.

"She is extremely skilled and plays good defense," Bartusch said.

Meanwhile, there are plenty of upperclassmen still vying for valuable time on the court for the Bulldogs.

"We have several juniors compet-



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Wauconda's Katie LePage drives the ball between Lakes' Chaz Stipetic (25) and Simone Hobbs (1) during a game last year. Wauconda won 52-22.

Wauconda Bulldogs

2006-07 Record: 12-14 (4-8 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

2:30 p.m. Dec. 1 vs. Grant

2:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at Round Lake

7 p.m. Jan. 17 at North Chicago

ing for spots, and they are pushing the seniors," Bartusch said.

Wauconda opened its season Nov. 15 with the first of three Marian Central tournament games in Woodstock.

As for the NSC Prairie Division outlook, Bartusch's prediction is pretty much aligned with the rest of the division coaches: Look out for the Prairie.

"The NSC [Prairie Division] will be very competitive, with Grant the favorite and Round Lake experienced and Vernon Hills," Bartusch said. "We hope to be in the top three or four."

Wauconda started its season on a winning note, a 56-32 win over host Marian Central.

Ellis had 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Martino had 12 points, Mead and Kimes had eight, Katie had seven, and Amanda Gertz had six.



ANTIOCH SEQUOITS



Role players add depth

• ANTIOCH

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Borries said that the biggest graduation losses were starters Meryl Weber and Kyle Sisler. But with Gaborek and fellow returning starters Martha Arntson and Katrina Holm, the team should do well. And Borries is confident in the talent he has.

Freshman Andi Potkonjak should be a talent that Borries said he can count on for the next few years and is a viable option as a varsity starter this season. Sophomore Allie Anttila also is a young talent, Borries said.

"[Potkonjak] should be the kind of player that can lead us for a long time," Borries said. "But she's still a freshman and will still have to learn what varsity basketball is all about. She's got a lot of talent, but she still has to grow a bit for this year."

Along with his starting rotation, Borries said, he is happy with the depth of his team. Role players like junior forward Brittany Deem, swing player Katie Budd, and senior forward Kelly Emanuelson give the Sequoits size down low.

As for the perimeter, the team has a lot of options as well, Borries said. He added that players like Jessica Long, Heather Hawkins, and Cassie Madriles all will see minutes for the 2007-08 season.

"I like how deep our bench is, that definitely helps," Borries said. "I feel like we can switch a lot of people in and out and not lose much."

Borries said one thing that Antioch also has had trouble with is height. While he would like a few more tall post players, he thinks he can make up the difference.

"We're not the tallest team, but we've got speed," he said.

Antioch Sequoits

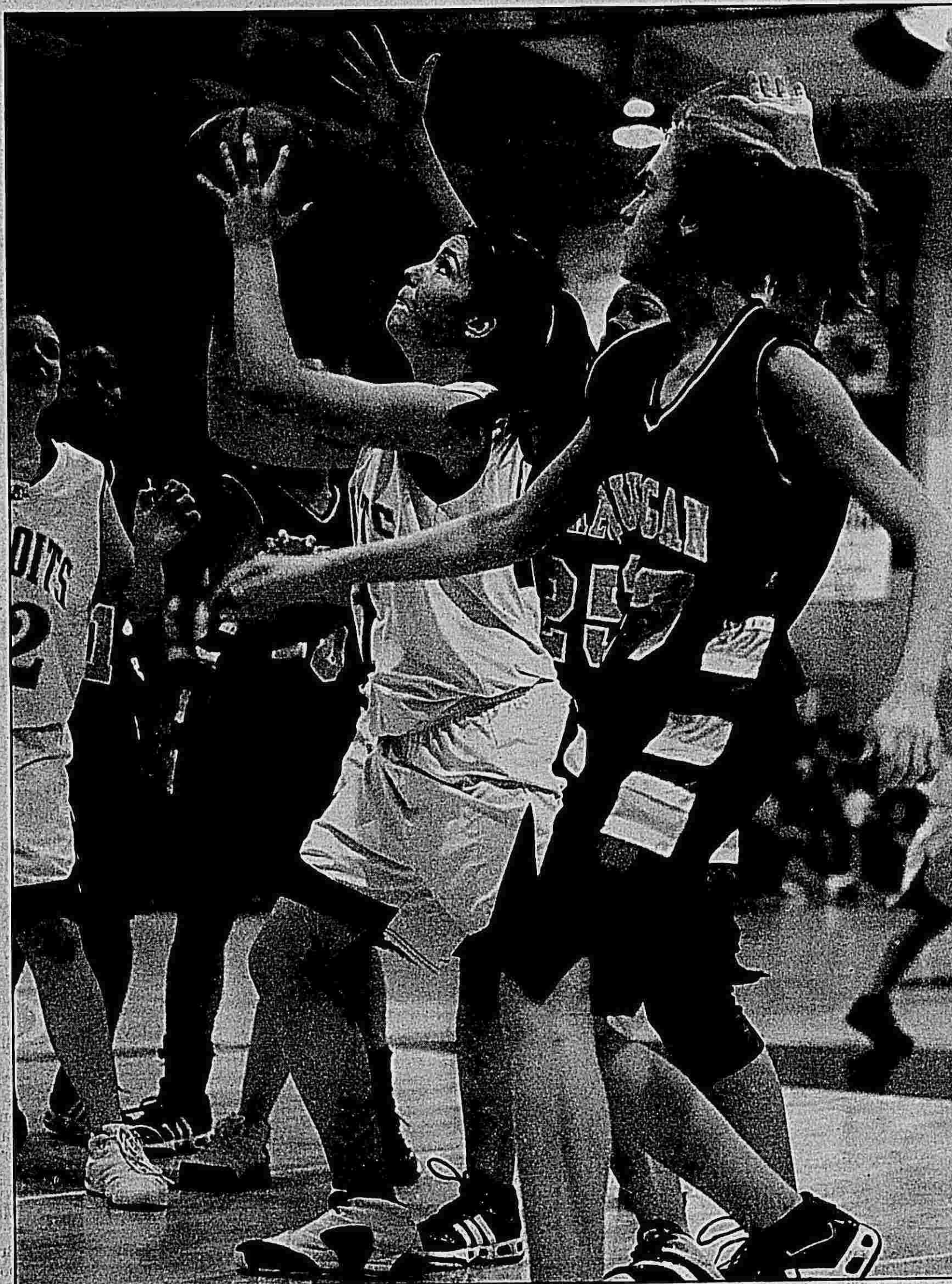
2006-07 Record: 4-23 (2-12 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division)

Key Games

7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Wauconda

2:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at Lakes

7 p.m. Feb. 5 vs. Libertyville



Antioch's Christine Gaborek goes up for a shot during a home game against Waukegan last season.

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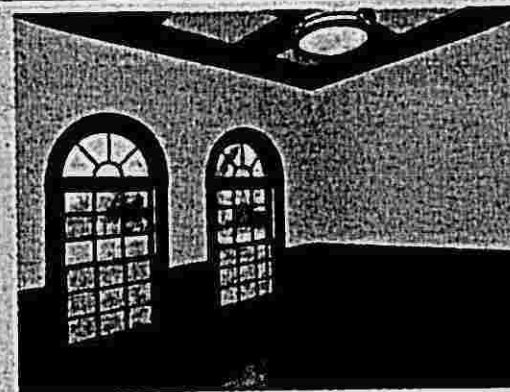
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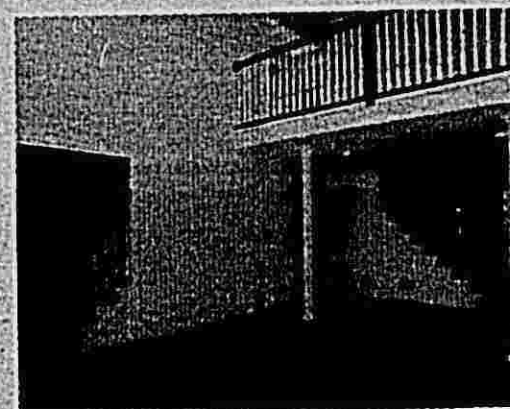
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Gift ideas for the family handy man

(MS) — Each holiday season, it seems as though it gets harder and harder to find that perfect gift for a loved one. Fortunately, finding that gift doesn't need to be so hard, as the recent boom in do-it-yourself home improvements has created a wealth of new ideas.

Rather than giving one more pair of socks or another sweater this holiday season, consider the following gift ideas for the do-it-yourselfer in your family, courtesy of Woodcraft.

- **The gift that keeps on giving.** One of the most popular gifts every holiday season is a magazine subscription to a favorite magazine. To gift givers, magazine subscriptions are popular because they're pretty inexpensive. To the gift receiver, magazines are the gift that keeps on giving. Whether the magazines comes one every two months, once a month, bi-monthly, or once a week, your family or friend will love the wealth of new information it provides throughout the year. A yearly subscription to Woodcraft Magazine provides six issues per year, and offers a host of season-appropriate articles and tips on do-it-yourself projects.

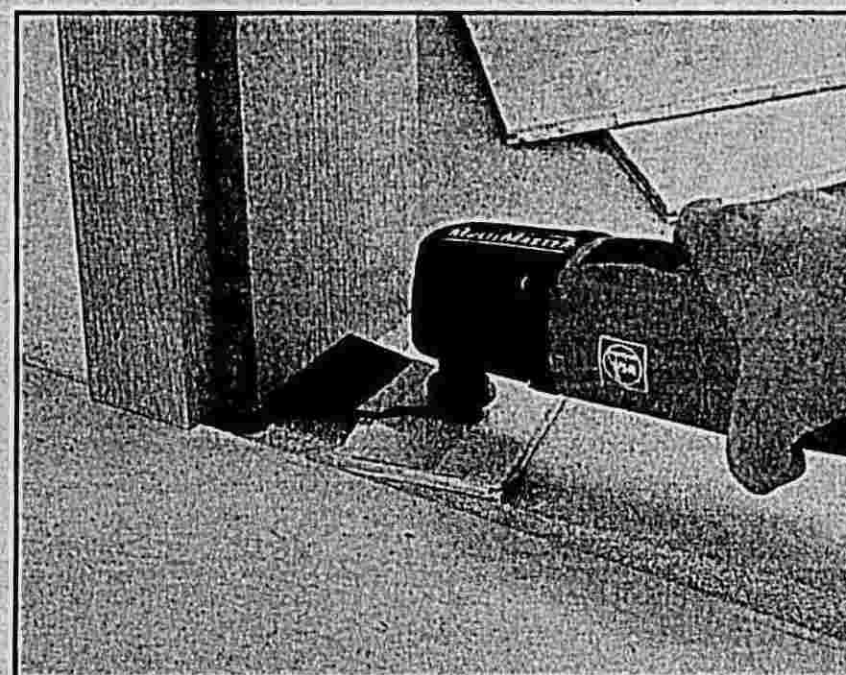
- **Provide a truly helping hand.** If your loved is mechanically inclined but you're not, chances are offering a helping hand on the next home improvement project might not be as helpful as you think. But that doesn't mean you can't make the next project easier. If your helping hand tends to do more harm than good, consider giving the BENCH DOG Push-Loc. Designed to work with a table saw's guards in place, the Push-Loc features a thin cross section and offset handle that keeps hands out of harms way, while improving the line of sight to the blade and providing more clearance for hands to pass the blade guard. The Push-Loc also includes a handy docking station, perfect for holding a tape measure and pencils.

- **Make the math a little easier.** Nearly every do-it-yourselfer runs into problems stemming from incorrect calculations when cutting angles. A Starrett® Pro Site Protractor takes those errors out of the equation. With two scales, a red scale and arrow that show the angle for a miter joint, and a black scale and arrows that provide the angle to fit a single

workpiece to an angle, making miter cut calculations has never been easier. You can even choose from two models, the full-sized 12-inch or compact 7-inch, both of which boast machined aluminum legs with an adjustable friction pivot.

- **For the multi-tasker.** For the jack of all trades do-it-yourself, finding the right gift can be a major hassle. The new Fein MultiMaster could be just the thing. Because no two DIY projects are the same, the MultiMaster uses a broad assortment of accessory blades to handle sanding, scraping and hundreds of previously "manual" tasks. Gone are the days of sanding tight spaces with paper, as the MultiMaster's profiled sanding pads make the job far less "hands-on."

Thanks to the booming DIY movement, finding that perfect gift for the do-it-yourselfer in your family has never been easier. If you find yourself struggling with a decision, you can even give a Woodcraft gift card so the family handy man (or woman) can make the decision themselves. For more products and inspiration, visit www.woodcraft.com.



Gifts such as the new Fein MultiMaster, with its assortment of accessory blades, are perfect the jack-of-all-trades handy man come the holiday season.



Putting the freeze on cold-weather concrete damage



Protecting concrete surfaces from cold-weather damage can help you avoid expensive replacement projects.

(NAPSA)-Winter is just around the corner, and many homeowners are not prepared for the effects this coming change in weather will have on their homes, particularly on their concrete carports, driveways, patios, porches and walks.

Freezing rain, ice and snow, as well as deicers and freeze/thaw cycles, can cause costly damage to concrete surfaces if left unchecked. Fortunately, precautionary measures such as crack repair, curing and sealing provide cost-effective solutions to help you avoid expensive replacement projects.

The following products are spe-

cially designed to remedy particular structural issues with concrete and retain its long-lasting beauty and strength: Quikrete Concrete Crack Seal (Gray), Quikrete Vinyl Concrete Patcher and Quikrete Concrete & Asphalt Cleaner. Here's how to use them:

- Careful preparation of the concrete surface is essential. Using a push broom, sweep the entire area to remove all dust and debris. The surface and cracks must be clean, dry and free of grease, dust or loose concrete prior to any repairs.

- Clean the surface with the Concrete & Asphalt Cleaner and then rinse with water. Do

not leave any standing water on surfaces to be repaired.

- For minor horizontal cracks or fractures (1/8 inch to 1/2 inch in width), begin by shaking the Concrete Crack Seal and then cutting the tip of the bottle so the opening matches the width of the crack.

- If the crack is deep, fill to within 1/4 inch of the surface with Quikrete All-Purpose Sand or a backer rod.

- Squeeze the repair material into the crack in 1/4-inch layers, overfilling slightly to allow for shrinkage. Additional layers can be applied after 24 hours as needed.

- Use the Vinyl Concrete

Patcher to make thin repairs to cracked or pitted horizontal concrete areas up to one square foot in size and 1/2 inch in depth.

- Dampen the concrete surface and then apply the patching material with a trowel, taking care to force the product into the crack. Featheredge the mix out onto the surrounding concrete to create a smooth repair.

- Apply the patching material in 1/4-inch layers. If the hole is deeper than 1/4 inch, apply in stages and allow each layer to cure for several days before starting the next.

For additional project ideas, visit www.quikrete.com.

Holiday chic from the great cities

Faucets sparkle and shine

(MS) — This holiday season, frenzied homeowners will be forced to wait in long lines, search high and low for "the perfect gift," and then rush headlong from party to party. Throughout the frenetic dash from mid-November to the New Year, visions of their spa bath will dance in their heads. The master bath space has become in-home getaway, a personal sanctuary, the one place where holiday merry-makers may close the door on their hectic lives and enter a place devoted to relaxation and rejuvenation, where they can just "be."

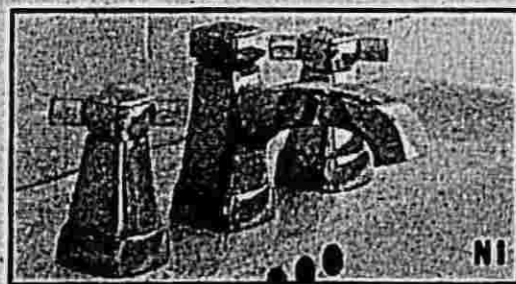
Festive faucet designs will add sparkle and shine to this last bastion of relaxation in the 24/7 world of holiday merry-making. "Faucets are focal points of the bath," said Lenora Campos, spokesperson for TOTO USA, a full-line, luxury-plumbing manufacturer. "Eye-catching faucets drive the sensory experience of the room. Not only are they artful in their own right, but they also provide visual pleasure in the water's presentation."

Celebrating the Great Cities this Holiday Season

Expanding its growing line of design-coordinated lavatories and faucets, TOTO introduces the new Ethos Collection, which commemorates the mythos of America's great cities. Designs N I and N II honor New York, "the city that never sleeps"; Design C commemorates Chicago, "that toddlin' town"; and Design L memorializes Los Angeles, "the city of angels."

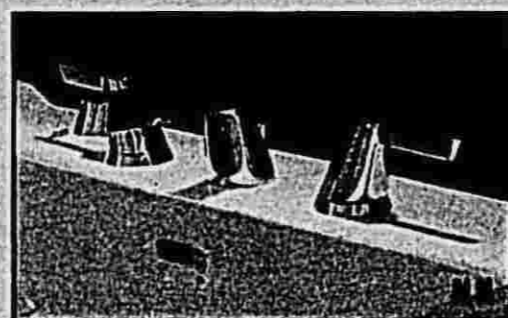
New York's History Architectural Innovation

New York, the largest US metropolis, is memorialized in the new Ethos Collection Design N I, which offers a



fresh look at the beliefs, attitudes, and values of the late 19th and early 20th centuries as represented in its architectural innovations.

The polished chrome Design N I widespread faucet's cross handles serve as a refined counterpoint to the horizontally detailed, gently flared bases, which lend a tactile element to the fixture's handsome design and accommodate the desire for a thoroughly traditional look to complement the Ethos N I's pedestal lavatory. The spout, whose flared base and horizontal detailing echoes the beauty of the flared handle bases, gives this timeless faucet a substantial stylish look that evokes memories of a time gone by, but it is engineered for today's active households.



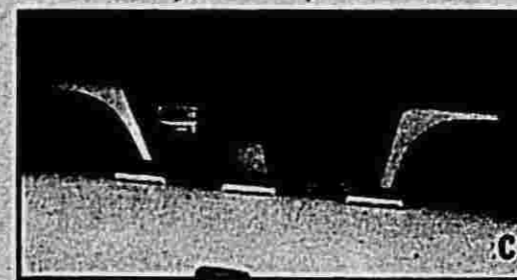
The Art Deco Past of the "City that Never Sleeps"

Ethos Collection, Design N II commemorates New York City's glorious Art Deco past. Art and architectural elements found in towering buildings like the Chrysler and the Empire State, which scrape the Big Apple's skies are reinterpreted in its new lavatory and faucet design. The N II faucet's polished chrome geometric spout and precision contoured lever handles with flared bases create an elegant, almost aerodynamic expression of Art Deco inspired form and function for the bath that will remain appealing for years to come. The N II lavatory's spout delivers a relaxing aerated flow that minimizes splashing. "The new N II widespread faucet design offers the so-

phisticated style and quality construction that homeowners have come to expect from TOTO products" said Campos.

Midwestern Modernity with a Difference

TOTO's new Ethos Design C honors Chicago by placing modernity in relation to tradition. Its new lavatory and faucet design is in the iconoclastic style of the modernist aesthetic, which demanded that one pair a structure down to the elegance of its essence. Design C



Widespread Faucet reflects the updated modernist design influences that will satisfy for years to come. Subtly classical, the rectangular lever handles serve as a geometric contrast to flowing surface of the lavatory, emphasizing the fixture's iconoclastic disregard for the structures of formal distinction. Its Polished Chrome finish adds a formal sensibility to the widespread faucet. The spout, which mirrors the handle's relaxed angularity, gives this faucet a clean high-style look that will be appreciated always, while its relaxing aerated flow minimizes splashing.

SoCal's Pop Art Past

Ethos Design L commemorates the City of Angels by remapping the multiple intersections of Pop Art and Southern

California culture in the soft, naturalist forms and playful sensibility of this lavatory and faucet. Drawing inspiration from L.A.'s city flower, Design L's polished chrome widespread faucet perches atop its design-matched lavatory like a Bird of Paradise. The wing-tip faucet handles with flared bases and high, curved neck spout provide a whimsical expression of Pop Art inspired form and function for the bath that will remain a delightful conversation piece.

"Balanced against bath environments dominated by geometric shapes and straight lines, Ethos Collection Design L is lyrical and expressive," says Campos. "This collection is not hard-edged or technological. It is naturalistic and fluid—a fluid, sculptural container for a fluid element. Its shapes are elegant and pleasing to the eye and inviting to the hand. Design L has a transitional quality that can be quiet or expressive as it reflects and enhances everything from minimalism to Hollywood chic."

All the faucets in TOTO's new Ethos Collection feature valves of solid brass construction, which provide greater strength and durability for years of reliable performance. Their 90-degree-turn ceramic disc valving is resistant to debris and hard water, which insures smooth turning action, eliminates drips, and provides reliable water flow control no matter the water conditions. These units are self-contained and can be serviced from the top for quick replacement. Installation is easy, the result of preassembled valve handles, flexible connection hoses, and top-mount installation. For more information on TOTO products, call (800) 350-8686 or visit www.TOTOUSA.com.

Preparing your home to be left alone

(NAPSA)-Whether you're leaving your home for a few weeks or for a short weekend getaway, you don't want to leave the door open for a potential break-in.

The FBI reports that a burglary occurs every 8 seconds in the United States and identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in the U.S., accounting for more than 42 percent of all complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission. In 2006, more than 8 million U.S. residents were victims of identity theft and the average identity theft insurance claim totaled \$90,000.

Being prepared for such an occurrence is imperative: Homeowners should protect important items and documents in a locked safe or chest. Securely storing valuables is a surefire way to safely protect vital information and items from burglaries, fire and flood damage while on vacation.

What To Protect

Among the items that should be protected are:

- Birth certificates, passports
- Financial bank statements
- Medical records (health, dental, etc.)
- Vehicle title, registration and certificate of sale
- Marriage certificate
- New home deed
- Itemized home inventory listing.

When theft deterrence is the main consideration, consumers may choose from security safes featuring solid steel construction, concealed hinges and hardened steel plate to protect cash and valuable assets.

Natural Disasters

While on vacation and away from home, it is also crucial for consumers to protect their house or apartment from natural disasters that may strike. Tornadoes can rip through a town with little to no warning. Floods and flash floods happen in all 50 states, yet 53 percent of residents don't feel vulnerable to such disasters.

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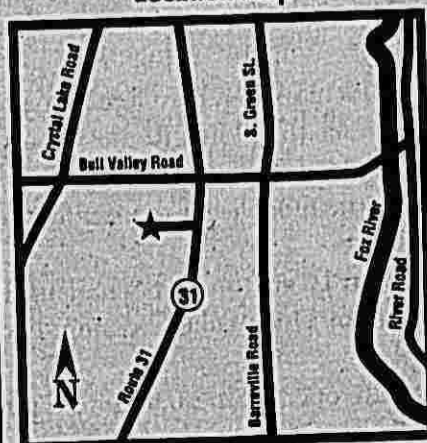
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Reserve One Homes offers four communities set in the wooded abundance of the Chain O' Lakes area, which is only 30 miles from Arlington Heights and a little more than an hour train ride from Chicago. Single-family homes, available at Duck Lake Crossing and Vern's Landing in Fox Lake, Running Brook Farm in Johnsburg and Glacial Trails in Ringwood, range from \$269,990 to the low \$400's, with 2,184 to more than 4,000 square feet. Townhomes at Running Brook Farm range from \$188,990 to \$205,990, with square footage from 1,088 to 1,683.

"This area is much closer to Chicago and the northwest suburbs than most people think," said Lisa Porter Loftus, a Reserve One Homes partner. "People who live in our communities have plenty of recreational amenities available within five minutes, yet they can take the scenic train trip to work every day."

When it's time to shop, Gurnee Mills offers more than 220 renowned outlet stores, while Hawthorne Mall and Deer Park Town Center offer department store and boutique shopping. For those quick trips for everyday items, there are numerous grocery stores, department stores and home improvement centers along Route 31.

Those looking for entertainment can enjoy the Ravinia Festival, held each summer in Highland Park. Six Flags Great America provides more than 100 thrilling rides, as well as food, shopping and entertainment. Plenty of nearby restaurants and nightlife round out the entertainment options for the Chain O' Lakes area.

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In addition to quick access to Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, residents of Reserve One Homes' communities also enjoy everything



the Chain O' Lakes has to offer, including a wide array of summer and winter activities. Boating, fishing, kayaking, swimming, horseback riding, hiking, snowmobiling and skiing are available nearby.

Tucked into a private alcove, Vern's Landing in Fox Lake offers eight floor plans with homes ranging from 2,184 to 3,450 square feet with three to six bedrooms and 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths. Prices range from \$275,990 to \$332,990. Home sites are a minimum one-third acre, with some larger ones available. The community is next to Chain O' Lakes State Park, where there are plenty of year-round recreational activities to enjoy.

Duck Lake Crossing, also in Fox Lake, features five two-story and two ranch floor plans. Homes range from 2,339 to 3,450 square feet, with three to six bedrooms and 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths. Base prices range from

\$331,990 to \$392,990 and include a wooded home site. Home sites range from one to two and a half acres. The community's rolling terrain lends itself to a variety of basement styles, including nine and 10-foot walkouts and English basements.



Reserve One Homes' newest community, Glacial Trails, features two ranch homes starting at 2,200 square feet and five two-story homes ranging from 2,800 to more than 4,000 square feet. Prices range from \$356,990 to \$424,990 for three to six bedrooms, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 baths, basements and three-car garages.

While Reserve One Homes is building on many of the 57 one to two-acre home sites, some will be built on by a select group of quality builders. In addition, those looking to purchase an individual home site may choose from lots ranging from \$114,500 to \$172,800.

Glacial Trails is alongside a portion of the geological wonder of Glacial Park. The rising and rolling landscape is a place of striking beauty that lends itself to more than six miles of walking and skiing trails ranging from an easy stroll to a rugged hike.



Running Brook Farm, in scenic Johnsburg, offers single-family homes and townhomes. Seven two-story and two ranch single-family floor plans are available. All single family homes include a basement, three to six bedrooms 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths and a garage. Prices range from \$267,990 to \$349,990 with 2,184 to 3,450 square feet.

The Running Brook Farm townhomes feature such amenities as basements, two-car garages, and quality soundproofing for a price not often seen in the Chicago area. Prices range from just \$188,990 to \$205,990, with a square footage of 1,088 to 1,683. Each of the four floor plans offers two to three bedrooms plus a loft.

To visit Running Brook Farm, take Route 31 north to Route 120. Go east on Route 120, one-half mile to Riverside Drive. Turn north on Riverside and go two miles to Running Brook Farm Boulevard, then follow the signs. For more information, call the sales center at (815) 759-0808.

To reach Glacial Trails, from Route 31 and Route 120, take Route 31 north two miles (past Johnsburg Road) to Hart Road. Turn right on Hart Road and continue one mile to Pioneer Road. Go right on Pioneer Road one-half mile and look for the large Glacial Trails sign on the right. The sales office is at Running Brook Farm. For more information, call (815) 675-0800.

To visit Duck Lake Crossing, take Rand Road (Routes 12 and 59) north to Fox Lake. Take the North Route 59 turn-off and make a quick right onto Frontage Road, then turn left at Chris Larkin Road and go one-quarter mile to the model. For more information, call (847) 973-3400.

Vern's Landing is at Deer Run and State Park Roads in Fox Lake. The sales center is located at Duck Lake Crossing. For more information, call (847) 973-3400.

All sales centers are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, or by appointment. For more information, visit www.ReserveOneHomes.com.

Home improvement expert offers tips on uncovering potential problems

(NAPSA)-Home repairs and maintenance are inevitable, but with careful planning and the proper tools, perhaps the next problem can be detected and prevented before it happens.

"The most common complaint from homeowners is that they didn't know they had a problem until it was too late," says Ron Hazelton, host of the nationally syndicated television series "Ron Hazelton's HouseCalls." "It's what's hidden behind things, obstructed from view or in a hard-to-reach place, that can cause potential problems."

Get the Gunk Out

Dirty, clogged gutters can cause problems, including flooded basements and damage to the home's foundation, exterior trim and landscaping. To clean, simply remove all debris with a gutter scoop or small garden trowel so water can drain properly. Plan to clean gutters at least twice a year, more often if the roof is directly beneath trees. Consider installing gutter guards to prevent additional debris from building up.

Don't forget to inspect one of the most used appliances in the home: the clothes dryer. "The most important maintenance for any dryer is a clear exhaust," says Hazelton. Many dryer failures and fires usually result from an improperly maintained vent system. Disconnect, clean and inspect the dryer duct once a month. This will dry clothing faster, increase life span and, most importantly, reduce fire hazard.

Keep Out the Cold

Keep cold air out of your house by sealing gaps around doors and windows with weather stripping. Also, inspect the exterior of the house for cracks and use caulk to seal. Proper insulation is crucial when it comes to keeping a

house warm throughout the winter and cool in the summer. To find out how much insulation is recommended, visit the U.S. Department of Energy's Web site at www.energy.gov.

But how can you tell if your walls, ceiling and attic already contain enough insulation? The new Ridgid(r) SeeSnake(r) micro(tm) inspection camera allows you to get behind walls or above ceilings to see for yourself. The SeeSnake micro features a minicamera and bright LED lights on the end of a 3-foot flexible cable that allows users to see around corners and behind walls, and inside ducts, attics and crawl spaces. It fits into almost any space and projects an image of the hidden area onto a handle-mounted LCD screen.

"Insulation is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways of increasing your home's energy efficiency, as well as saving money on energy bills," says Hazelton. "Plus, there's no need to remove large sections of drywall or create gaping holes in your ceiling just to get a peek at your insulation if you have the proper tools."

Fire it Up

Remember to replace your furnace filter regularly and have a professional service your heating systems once a year. Check registers, vents and ducts to make sure there is little or no debris. "With a tool like the SeeSnake micro, you can get a peek at these tight spots, and even remove a small piece of debris with their Hook Tip that can pick up, tug or pull small objects," says Hazelton. "A clean system helps heating and cooling equipment run more efficiently, conserving energy and saving money for homeowners."

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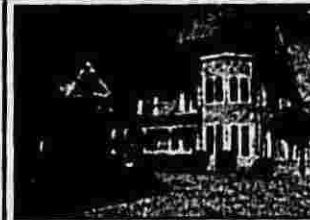
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Putting the freeze on heating costs

(NAPSA)-A few simple steps could help you cut energy use and save on heating costs.

In fact, heating and cooling, along with ventilation, refrigeration and water heating, are responsible for about 75 percent of residential energy use. That's why something as easy as setting thermostats to 68°F during the day and 60°F at night could add up to big savings.

Similarly, checking that return vents, radiators and baseboards are not blocked by furniture or other objects will maximize airflow and the efficiency of your system.

Try these additional tips from heating experts at the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)-an international nonprofit technical engineering society.

Heating Systems

- Clean or change furnace filters in forced hot air systems once a month or more often as needed.
- Have your heating system maintained and serviced according to the manufacturer's instructions. Dirty filters, coils and fans reduce airflow throughout the system, which decreases performance and could cause damage.
- Check heating ducts for air leaks from joints and holes. Check the hardware store for proper UL-certified mastic or tape for repairs.
- Insulate your hot water tank with an insulating jacket according to the manufacturer's instructions.

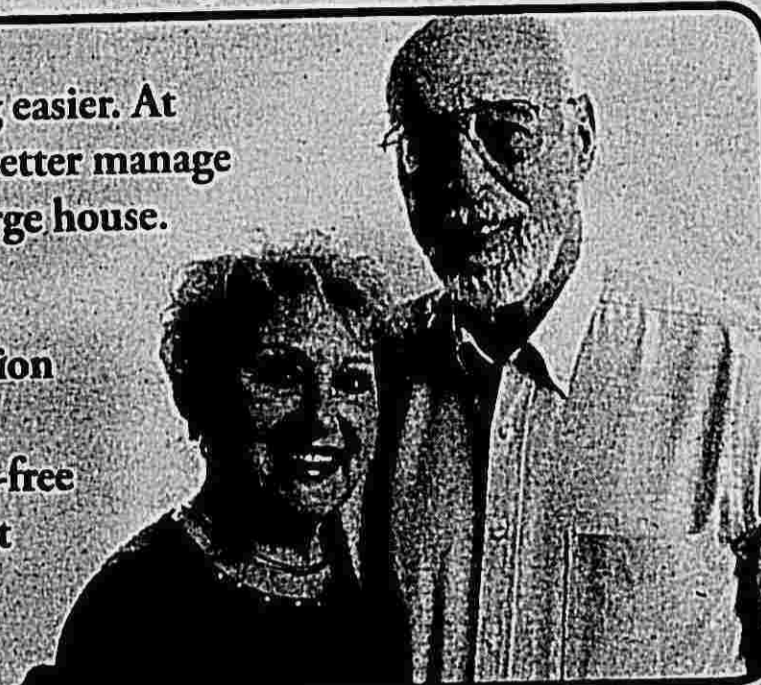
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- Install caulking or weather stripping or use spray-in foams around exterior windows and doors or in spaces between heated and unheated areas (garages, basements, crawl spaces, etc.). Just be sure to read the instructions on the product you use.
 - Keep draperies and shades open during the day on your southern-facing walls to allow sunlight to enter. Keep them closed at night to reduce heat loss.
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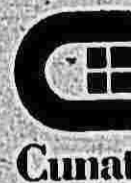
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A simple solution to drywall corner cracks

(NAPSA) Starting with the right materials on a construction project can really pay off. Drywall corner cracks, for example, are unsightly, can be costly to fix and often come when you least expect them. Fortunately, it's often possible to avoid cracks by making one small, simple change during the construction process.

It's easy to understand why corner cracks appear. Traditional "bare metal" corner bead is attached to the drywall corner using

nails or screws to hold it in place. These fasteners penetrate both the drywall and the framing. If the wood frame warps, shrinks or swells, the fasteners pull and stress the metal bead along with it, producing cracks. Structural movement due to foundation settling can also add stress to the corner.

While the process of fixing corner cracks can vary depending on the severity, crews often have to remove the metal bead, install a new piece and then re-nail it.

Multiple coats of joint compound are also applied throughout the process, sometimes requiring several trips to the residence. Corners then need to be repainted.

In cases where walls are ornately painted or textured, the finishing alone could push the cost into the hundreds, not to mention the inconvenience and time it takes to coordinate all the repairs.

The good news is that corner cracks can be quite preventable. For example, homeowners can

simply request that their builder or contractor substitute a high-performance product such as Sheetrock brand paper-faced metal bead by USG for the standard, bare metal corner bead typically used.

Made with a strong paper tape laminated to a sturdy, rust-resistant metal form, it is adhesively applied to the drywall corner and, as a result, resists edge cracking, paint chipping and everyday wear.

This is a classic example of how

requesting one small, simple change during the construction process can really pay off. Builders and contractors can appreciate how it installs faster and requires less joint compound to finish. Homeowners can appreciate that it comes with a limited 30-year no-edge-crack warranty.

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Thirty-minute remodel doubles space and light

(NAPSA)-In as little as 30 minutes, you can visually double the space of a room, transform drab into dramatic, and add a sparkle of light to dark corners. The magic is in a mirror and this is a sleight-of-hand trick that anyone can do. Here are a few tips:

- Position a mirror to reflect a gorgeous outside view, double its impact and create the illusion of a second window.

- Add warmth and drama with a mirror over the fireplace or in a dining room.

- Expand and brighten up a dark hallway with a mirror that brings in light from the surrounding rooms.

- For maximum effect, choose a large mirror with a substantial frame. Consider a bronze tint that adds richness and warmth to the view and gives people a youthful, healthy glow.

Installing your mirror is quite simple if you keep just a few important points in mind. It's really not much different than hanging a picture but, because a large, high-quality mirror with frame can easily weigh close to a hundred pounds, there are some special safety considerations.

Weigh your mirror and check packaging on hooks or other hardware to make sure it will safely support the weight. Place your mirror at eye level and, most importantly, always anchor it to a stud to ensure safety. If the mirror is more than two feet wide, take the time to anchor to two studs.

In standard wallboard construction, a stud finder, such as Zircon's StudSensor i65 OneStep, can quickly and easily locate the stud center with just one pass-the safest and most secure place for anchoring.

For lath and plaster construction, finding a stud is even more critical because one mistake can mean disaster for both the wall and the mirror. Traditional stud finders won't work due to the varying density of lath and plaster walls, but Zircon's new Metalli-Scanner m40 is built to meet the challenge. It's the only metal finder on the market with the sensitivity to do that. The key is its patent-pending wide and pinpoint scanning capability that can accurately identify the pattern of nails that attach the lath to the studs.

For more information about the brand-new MetalliScanner m40, StudSensor i65 OneStep or other cutting-edge electronic hand tools and to find a nearby retailer, visit the company's Web site at www.zircon.com or call toll-free (800) 245-9265.

A nice reflection on your good taste is a large mirror to add sparkle to any room. Just make sure it's securely anchored to a wall stud or you may find it a shattering experience.



Holidayproof your kitchen

(NAPSA)-Your shopping list is programmed into your BlackBerry and posted to your fridge. You've laundered the sheets (with a hint of lavender) and prepared the guest rooms for your sister and 5-year-old twin nephews. You've set your mp3 playlist to easy-listening grooves and even selected the menu as the host for an upcoming shindig at your abode. But before you slap on the apron, don't forget to holidayproof your kitchen.

During the holiday season, you're likely to spend more time in the kitchen-especially when entertaining company. It is good etiquette to offer your guests a full tour of the place you call home before sitting down to dinner. A sure way for your visitors to lose their appetite is to drink from a spotty glass or inhale a foul smell when grabbing a beverage from the fridge. To prevent these embarrassing incidents, the Healthy Housekeeper, Laura Dellutri, has tips for how to upgrade the cleanliness of the room that's so central to the en-

tertaining season-your kitchen.

1. Revamp your refrigerator. Clean the fridge inside and out. Dump expired food and make room for holiday goodies.

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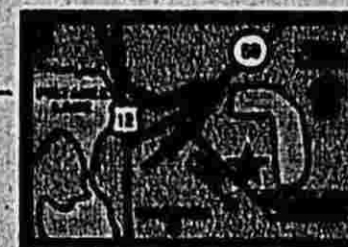
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